



Student Transportation Handbook

CARRIZOSPRINGS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**CARRIZO SPRINGS CISD
2021-22 STUDENT
TRANSPORTATION HANDBOOK**



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MESSAGE TO PARENTS

The Carrizo Springs Consolidated Independent School District's (CISD) goal is to provide efficient and safe transportation services to its student population. To accomplish this goal, we require dedicated staff whose priority is safety, parental awareness and support, and student adherence to transportation rules.

CSCISD asks that parents:

- Read and carefully review the contents of this handbook with your child(ren).
- Help your child understand the importance of bus safety rules, guidelines and emergency procedures. Instill in them the need to be respectful, responsible and safe.
- Encourage your child to report any bullying, harassing or otherwise harmful behavior to the bus driver and/or anyone listed on the Contact Information page.
- Report unsafe driving practices to the Bus Barn/Transportation Office as listed on the Contact Information page – date, time, location and bus number are essential elements of a report.
- Contact the school with changes in address, phone number and emergency transportation information.
- Contact any of the numbers/offices on the Contact Information page if you have a concern you feel has not been adequately addressed.
- Please remind your child that riding the school bus is a privilege for most students, not a right, which can be revoked if the student fails to observe basic standards of conduct and safety.

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TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolled in Carrizo Springs CISD who are residents of Dimmit County are eligible for transportation under the following mileage limitations:

- Elementary school students living more than 3/4 mile of walking distance from the school.

- Middle and Jr. High school students living more than 3/4 mile of walking distance from the school.

- High School students living more than ¾ miles of walking distance from the school.

- Students who face hazardous walking conditions regardless of distance from the school such as multi-lane highways, construction areas, etc., and as determined by the District’s Transportation Department and board approved hazardous conditions resolution.

- Students in special education, magnet, gifted and talented, and some vocational and education programs that are not offered at the student’s home school.

- *Note, that a tenth (1/10th) of a mile may be added to establish a reasonable boundary.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

Riding the Bus is a Privilege!

The procedures in this section are not meant to be all-inclusive but rather, to serve as a guide in helping provide the most efficient and safe means of transportation for our students.

School – Sponsored Trips

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to use transportation provided by the District to and from the event. Each campus principal or administrator may make an exception if the parent makes a written request that the student be released to the parent or to another adult designated by the parent.

Buses and Other School Vehicles

The District makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more miles from school. This service is provided at no cost to students. Bus routes and any subsequent changes are posted at the school and on the district’s web site at www.cscisd.net.

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A parent may also designate a child care facility or a grandparent's residence as the regular pick-up and drop-off location for his or her child. The designated facility or residence must be on an approved "**nearest bus stop**".

School Bus Rules

At the bus stop, students are expected to:

- Arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.
- Maintain an orderly line in preparation to board the bus promptly, without shoving or pushing.
- Stay out of the roadway.
- Be considerate of nearby yards, driveways, houses, buildings, and private property.
- Move toward the bus **only** after it stops and the driver has signaled that it is safe to proceed.

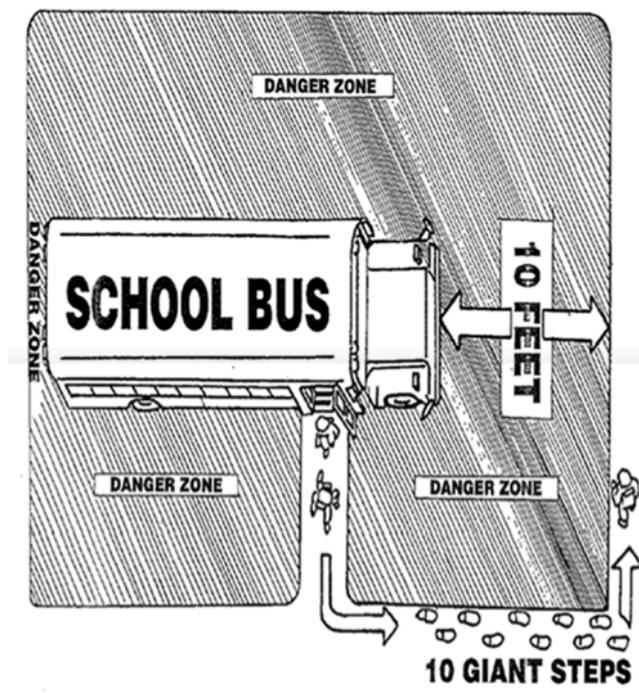
On the bus, students are expected to:

- Follow the bus driver's directions at all times.
- Enter and leave the bus or van in an orderly manner at the designated stop.
- **Wait** for the bus driver's signal upon leaving the bus and before crossing in front of the vehicle.
- Behave appropriately, just as if they were in a classroom.
- Keep the aisle and emergency door clear of obstructions.
- Keep their arms, feet, and head inside the bus at all times.
- Not hold any object out of the window or throw objects within or out of the bus.
- Be seated and make room for others to sit as well.
- Standing is not permitted. Do not change seats while the bus is in motion.
- Be aware that the bus driver may assign seats and ask a student to move; this will only occur when the bus is at a complete stop.
- Not deface the bus or its equipment.
- Not possess or use any form of tobacco, alcohol, drug or weapon on school buses.
- Discard trash in appropriate containers.

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On the return trip home, students are expected to:

- **Walk 10 feet** in front of the stopped bus. If the student must cross the road, do so only after the driver has indicated it is safe to proceed. Refer to the illustration below regarding the “Danger Zone” for school buses.



- Refrain from trying to direct traffic upon leaving the bus.

School Bus Rules posted on all District

Buses: FOLLOW THESE BUS RULES

1. Follow the Driver's direction at all times
2. The bus driver may assign seats.
3. Be courteous.
4. Talk quietly, No profanity.
5. Keep arms, legs, and belongings to yourself and out of aisle
6. Keep the bus clean
7. Violence is prohibited. Do not bring weapons or dangerous objects on bus
8. No harassment, intimidation, or horseplay
9. Do not throw any object(s)
10. Remain seated facing forward while bus is in motion
11. No smoking.
12. Keep your hands and head inside the bus.
13. Do not destroy property.
14. For your own safety, do not distract the driver through misbehavior.

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MISBEHAVIOR ON BUS:

Consequences for misbehavior on the bus will depend on the circumstances and will be at the discretion of the principal – bus riding privileges may be revoked

- 1st Report: Parent Contacted, student conference with Principal/designee, report is sent home
- 2nd Report: Parent contacted, student conference, assigned seat, report is sent home
- 3rd Report: Parent contacted, student conference, 3-day bus suspension will occur, report is sent home
- 4th Report: Parent contacted, student conference, 5 days' suspension will occur, copy of report is sent home
- 5th Report: Parent contacted, student conference, loss of bus privileges for remainder of year

STUDENT DISCIPLINE FOR BUS RELATED INFRACTIONS

Disruption of Transportation

Chapter 37 – Discipline, Law and Order, Subchapter E – Penal Provisions

§ 37.126 Disruption of Transportation

- a) Except as provided by § 37.125, a person commits an offense if the person intentionally disrupts, prevents, or interferes with the lawful transportation of children to or from school or an activity sponsored by a school on a vehicle owned or operated by a county or independent school district.
- b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

Disciplinary problems on the bus

The bus driver will write bus referral and forward to campus administrators providing details pertaining to a disciplinary problem with a student on the school bus. A bus driver may return a student to the school, or call the police, if the student poses a serious threat to the safety and health of other riders. Students who violate the behavior and safety rules may have bus-riding privileges denied temporarily or permanently by the school principal.

Vandalism

The taxpayers of the community have made a sustained financial commitment for the construction and upkeep of school facilities. To ensure that school facilities can serve those for whom they are intended, littering, defacing or damaging school property is not tolerated. Students will be required to pay for damages they cause and will be subject to criminal proceedings as well as disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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BUS ACCIDENTS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

When a school bus is involved in an accident there is a plan in place to handle this situation. The bus driver immediately contacts the Transportation Office and/or appropriate emergency agency and help is sent to the scene.

When accidents happen, there is often confusion. Try not to panic, stay calm. Stay in your seat and listen carefully for instructions from your bus driver or attendant. Stay on the bus unless there is:

- Fire or smoke
- Danger of collision
- Submersion (under water)
- Danger of tip-over or fall-out

Steps to Take in an Emergency Situation

- Stop all noise immediately. Do not talk. Stay in your seat and listen for instructions from the bus driver.
- Follow the bus driver's directions and wait for assistance. Help is on the way.
- If you must exit the bus, go out the front door if possible or,
- Use Emergency Doors (look for red handle and stickers or signs)
- Use Windows if necessary - push out as a means of escape
- Use Roof hatches.
- Do not take any items such as books, etc. with you. Exit quickly and orderly so no one gets hurt.
- Gather at a safe location indicated by the bus driver.
- Check to see that your riding neighbor and other passengers are present. Make your bus driver aware if you notice someone is missing.
- If you have an incapacitated bus driver; do not panic, turn off the engine, apply the emergency brake and remember you can dial 911 from a cell phone for emergency assistance.

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BUS SAFETY: A TEAM EFFORT

Students

Students are responsible for their behavior and self-control on the bus and at bus stops at all times. Disorderly students can threaten the safety of all riders by distracting the bus driver making the bus ride to and from school or school related activities an unpleasant and even intimidating experience for others. School buses are an extension of school, and students are expected to adhere to the same standards of behavior on a school bus as in the classroom.

Students are expected to obey the instructions of the bus driver just as they would follow the instructions of teachers and school administrators. Students must remember that riding the school bus is a privilege for most students; not a right, which can be revoked if the student fails to observe basic standards of conduct and safety.

Parents

Parents can help further the safety of all students by making sure their children know the bus rules and etiquette that help ensure safe, orderly, and pleasant bus trips. Parents should make sure their children know their bus route number, generally located on both the right and left side of the bus near the front, and the rear of the bus. The number that is painted on the body of the bus is used to identify the bus. On occasion, a substitute bus is used if the original bus is out for repair.

For elementary students it is recommended that a parent or other adult wait at the bus stop with the student to monitor and supervise their behavior and help with any problems, such as a late bus. Both students and adults should stand near the bus stop, not more than 150 feet away, where they can observe the bus as it approaches.

Bus stops are selected to provide safety and convenience for students, and to economize on fuel and time spent on the bus. Parents should not ask bus drivers to make additional stops. Regulations prohibit bus drivers from stopping between designated bus stops.

At all times, students may NOT:

- Bring animals, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, weapons, glass containers, or explosives on the bus.
- Use vulgar language or gestures, fight, or engage in sexual harassment or other improper and/or illegal conduct.
- Throw any papers or objects in the bus or out the windows.
- Operate the emergency door without permission.
- Smoke or play electronic devices, radios without headphones.
- Damage or deface any part of the bus.
- Ride a different bus than the one they have been assigned to, unless they have written permission from a parent and permission from the principal.

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Things to know:

- Bus drivers and attendants may assign specific seats to students.
- Buses follow a routine schedule and typically arrive at their stops within a few minutes of the schedule. On days of inclement weather, students and parents should expect some delays due to road and traffic conditions.
- Students who miss their bus after school will need to go to the school office and contact their parents to make other transportation arrangements. Buses cannot return to the school due to scheduling conflicts and time constraints.
- If a student gets sick during the school day, it is the parent's responsibility to arrange for transportation home. The school district does not provide transportation under these circumstances.
- Students who miss their bus ride to school will need to have their parents make other arrangements to get their child to school. Again, buses cannot return due to strict scheduling and time constraints.

- Due to COVID, the use of face masks on the bus is recommended but not required. Our staff will continue to disinfect buses after each route to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19.

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Bus Route List

CARRIZO SPRINGS CISD - TRANSPORTATION DEPT.**2020-2021 ALL ROUTES****2021-2022**

Route	Bus #	Area Serviced	Driver	Proposed Route Changes
1	1	Zaval Co. Line Espantoza Sub. Division FM 1407, Co. Rd. 101	A. Hernandez	
3	40	Catarina Vandervort/Urendo Loop FM 1917	A. Buentello	
4	4	HWY 277 W Ponderosa Trl Park ABM Drive/Valley St. Old Eagle Pass Rd FM 2644	R. Martinez	
5	39	Whispering Tree Apts. Brown's Trailer Park FM 186, FM 2368 Saenz Rd.	D. Ramos	
9	42	Big Wells - JH/HS Riders Hwy 85 E. - All Grade Levels	B. Olvera	
11	10	Sped Route - Local	J. Gonzales	
13	13	Sped Route - Local Refinery Rd.	J. Sanchez	
15	23	Carrizo Hill /Buddy's Lane JH/HS Riders	J. P. Maldonado	
16	16	Carrizo Hill /Buddy's Lane CSE/CSI Riders	S. Orosco	
17	3	Peaceful Acres Trl Park FM 1407, Homer Martin Trailer Park FM1433 LOOP 517	R. Contreras	
18	11	Sped Route Asherton/Carrizo Hill		
19	22	Asherton JH/HS Riders	L. Navarro	
20	20	Asherton- North of HWY 83 CSE/CSI Riders	J. Hernandez	

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				Proposed Route Changes
Route	Bus #	Area Serviced	Driver	
23	43	Big Wells- CSE/CSI Riders	L. Moreno	
24	24	Asherton- South of HWY 83 CSE/CSI Riders	J. Trujillo	
A	A	Local -* CSE Riders * Only Eligible Riders that reside beyond 3/4 mi from Campus	M. Perez	
C	C	Local - CSI Riders	J. Paulino	
D	D	Local CSI Riders	J. Taylor	
E	23	Local JH Riders Note: This After School Route runs late Due to Driver Shortage -	JP Maldonado	
F	C	Local HS Riders Note: This After School Route runs late Due to Driver Shortage -	J. Paulino	
G	D	Local HS Riders Note: This After School Route runs late Due to Driver Shortage -	J. Taylor	

CSE: Buses Do Not Run at PK Dismissal Time - Buses will run at standard dismissal time

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

CAMPUS: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ **ROUTE:** _____

My child and I have been given a copy of the Carrizo Springs Consolidated Independent School District's Student Transportation Handbook for School Year 2021-2022 I understand that the handbook contains information that my child and I may need during the school year and that students will be held accountable for their behavior and may be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. We acknowledge this information by our signature below.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's
Printed Name: _____ **Contact #:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Discipline Referral 1: _____

Principal's Action: _____
Parent Signature: _____ *Date:* _____
Principal Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Discipline Referral 2: _____

Principal's Action: _____
Parent Signature: _____ *Date:* _____
Principal Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Discipline Referral 3: _____

Principal's Action: _____
Parent Signature: _____ *Date:* _____
Parent Signature: _____ *Date:* _____