

## **BUS RULES FOR UNORGANIZED TERRITORY**

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

The Pima County School buses serving children in unorganized school territory are operated by the Pima County School Superintendent. Students using the buses will be attending the Ajo public schools.

### **SAFETY RULES FOR RIDING THE PIMA COUNTY SCHOOL BUS\***

1. Reading and homework will be allowed as long as behavior does not become a distraction.
2. No shouting across the bus.
3. No gum chewing.
4. Address the driver by Mr. or Mrs. And his or her last name.
5. Do not arrive at the bus stop more than 5 minutes before Schedule.
6. Stay off the road while waiting.
7. RESPECT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.
8. Remain seated until your bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open before moving toward the front of the bus.
9. Your driver must have written permission from your parent or guardian to allow you to get on or off a bus stop that is not your regular bus stop.
10. Use each step when boarding or departing.
11. Go directly to the seat of your choice. Face the front of the bus.
12. Do not engage in negative activity—such as hitting or scuffling of any sort, or loud talking which might distract the driver. This could endanger the lives of other students or cause damage to the bus.
13. No part of your body is to extend through the window.
14. No object is to be extended through the window.
15. Any item which could cause panic, block aisles, exits, or injures a rider will not be allowed on the bus; at no time should any student sit or lie down on the bus floor.
16. Musical instruments must be stored in proper racks on the buses if available; if no racks are available or are full, musical instruments must be stored so as not to slide on the floor or aisles or impede the safety of those on the bus. Directions for such storage may be given by the bus driver.
17. If you must cross the road, walk to a point about six steps IN FRONT OF THE BUS. WATCH FOR THE DRIVER'S SIGNAL FOR YOU TO CROSS.
18. Radios, MP3 players and any other electronic devices are not allowed on the bus.
19. NEVER cross the road behind the bus!

### **NOTE:**

No one list of rules can be completely comprehensive or all inclusive. However, if the student will "THINK SMART" on the bus and promptly obey the driver, he/she will have no difficulty being a safe rider. Feel free to ask the driver about any bus safety rule. Remember that disobedience of these rules will force the bus driver to report such actions both to your parents and to the county school office.

\*This bus is operated in accordance with Arizona Regulations for School Bus Operation as set forth by the Traffic Safety Division of the Arizona Highway Department.

## **CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR RIDERS**

In addition to bus rules, additional strategies per CDC guidelines will be in place to reduce risk of transmission on buses.

These strategies include:

1. Open bus windows to increase circulation, if weather permits
2. Spacing students whenever possible with an empty seat in between students and those from same households sitting together
3. Disinfecting buses after each drop off
4. Carrying spare masks to ensure all students wear on the bus, if they choose
5. Loading buses from back to front and unload from front to back
6. Making sanitizer available at the entrance of the school bus
7. Leaving seat directly behind driver empty

Parents and guardians are encouraged:

8. Socially distancing your child/children when waiting at their bus stop
9. Students to wear their masks when riding the bus at all times
10. To ensure student is not symptomatic before riding the bus. Symptoms include but not limited to:
  - a. Fever (temperature 100.4 F or higher) or chills
  - b. Cough
  - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - d. Fatigue
  - e. Muscle or body aches
  - f. Headache
  - g. New loss of taste or smell
  - h. Sore throat
  - i. Congestion or runny nose
  - j. Nausea or vomiting
  - k. Diarrhea
11. Keep your child home and contact your healthcare provider, if your child is symptomatic.

Additional guidance can be found on the CDC website, [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

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