

**Desert View Schools
School Bus Rules/Policy
2021-2022 School Year**

In an effort to provide students with the safest possible bus service, the Transportation Department for Desert View Schools has established a basic set of rules for bus behavior. With that in mind, our drivers will be closely monitoring and strictly enforcing the following rules:

Bus Rules:

1. Students will demonstrate good character on the bus by following the directions of the bus driver and adhering to all bus rules as well as following the school behavior policy.
2. Students must remain properly seated, with their back against the back of the seat, their bottom against the bottom of the seat, and keep their hands to themselves at all times.
3. Students will respect one another by not fighting, pushing, or shoving one another.
4. Students are not permitted to eat, chew gum or drink on the bus, with exception of water in a plastic container.
5. Students will demonstrate good citizenship by not bringing tobacco products or smoking paraphernalia (lighters, matches, etc.) alcohol, drugs or any controlled substances on the bus.
6. Students are prohibited from carrying animals, glass objects, hazardous materials, or weapons on the bus.
7. Students will respect the rights and safety of their peers by refraining from the use of loud voices, profanity, and/or obscene language or gestures, teasing or bullying.
8. Students will demonstrate responsibility by not extending their head, arms, legs or objects out of the bus windows.
9. Students will be completely silent at railroad crossings.
10. Students will be responsible when exiting the bus upon door signal.
11. Students will not tamper with bus equipment.
12. Students will help maintain the bus in a clean and safe condition.

Prohibited Items on the School Bus

1. Bats, hockey sticks, golf clubs
2. Skateboards
3. Glass Items
4. Animals
5. Weapons of any kind (guns, knives, nun chucks), etc.
6. Food or drinks (except water in a plastic container)
7. Flammable Items of any nature (lighters, fireworks, cigarettes, deodorant sprays, body mists etc.)
8. Miscellaneous item(s) as deemed to be unsafe or threatening to students is at the discretion of school personnel/driver.

Bus Policy

1. Transportation is a privilege provided for students. Failure to comply with rules may result in loss of bus privileges. Please refer to S.O.A.R. document for details.
2. Supervision is not provided for students at any of our bus stops. For safety precautions, please do not leave your child unattended. **Parents are encouraged to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time.**
3. Parent must provide a written note to the Transportation Coordinator regarding any transportation change.
4. Students who have 3 unexplained bus absences may have bus privileges revoked. A note must be sent to the school office indicating why the student is not riding the bus.

Let's S.O.A.R. (Safely, Orderly and Respectfully) on the school bus!

To protect the safety (physical and emotional) of each individual student on the bus and to develop bus-riding behaviors that will be relevant and meaningful when the student is out in the community, student behaviors are expected to be **safe, orderly and respectful**. If they are not, the following matrices will be followed:

Level 1

(These misbehaviors are handled by the bus driver.)

- *Eating, drinking, chewing gum on the bus
- *Not sitting in assigned seat
- *Out of seat without permission while bus in motion or sitting improperly
- *Yelling and screaming
- *Consistently showing disrespect to fellow students and/or school employee

Level 1 Discipline Matrix	
First Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats
Second Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats
Third Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats/Parent Phone Call
Fourth Incident	Office Referral (Level 2 Infraction)

Level 2

(These misbehaviors are handled by school administration.)

- *Fourth incident as noted above
- *Blatant defiance of authority, disobeying or showing disrespect to school employee
- *Intimidating or threatening students with violence
- *Use of profane, obscene, or abusive language or gestures
- *Having an imitation or toy weapon
- *Destroying, defacing or damaging school property
- *Playing with or using emergency exits
- *Throwing or propelling objects or spitting
- *Putting any part of the body outside the bus window while moving

Level 2 Discipline Matrix	
First Incident	3-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Second Incident	5-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Third Incident	10-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Fourth Incident	Loss of Bus Privileges/Parent Conference

Level 3

(These very serious matters are handled by school administration.)

- *Hitting or striking another student or school employee
- *Displaying or use of weapons, dangerous objects, mace or pepper spray
- *Fighting or any careless or malicious action which results in the injury of a person or to property

Level 3 Discipline Matrix	
First Incident	Loss of Bus Privileges/Parent Conference

Administrators reserve the right to modify, or otherwise adjust, this matrix for extenuating circumstances

**Desert View Schools
Transportation Request Form
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This Transportation Request Form must be completed and returned to the school office before a student will be allowed to ride the bus.

Please complete one form per student.

Student Name: _____ Grade for 2021-2022 _____ School: **DVA / DVMS**
(please circle one)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home #: _____ Cell#: _____ Work#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

The following bus stops will be offered for the 2020-2021 school year.

Check only one bus stop.

Yuma-In Town (Yellow Route)

_____ Yuma Boys & Girls Club

_____ Kennedy & 24th St

_____ 7E & 24th Lane

Somerton/San Luis (Purple Route)

_____ San Luis Community Center

_____ Joe Munoz Park-Somerton

MCAS-Yuma (Green Route)

_____ MCAS Youth Center

_____ Paso Descanso & Co. 16th St

Foothills (Red Route)

_____ 40th St & Foothills Blvd.

_____ 38th Lane & Flagstaff Ave

_____ Jojoba Ave & 42nd St.

Please check one:

_____ My child will ride the bus for both **A.M. & P.M. routes**

_____ My child will ride the bus for **A.M. route ONLY**

_____ My child will ride the bus for **P.M. route ONLY**

*****Please note: Due to limited seating, there is no guarantee your request for transportation will be granted. Bus hopping (changing buses or bus stops without authorization) is not permitted. Students must ride the bus on a consistent basis. Students who have 3 unexcused bus absences may have bus privileges revoked.***

I, the Parent/Guardian of _____ acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Desert View Schools Bus Rules. I have explained the school bus rules to my child, and I have explained that I expect the school bus behavior rules to be followed. I understand that consequences for student misbehavior could include suspension or revocation of bus rider privileges. I also understand and agree to reimburse the school for the costs incurred to repair any damage to the school bus caused by my child's misconduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

