



Goleta Union School District

Child Safety Alert System Plan

School Bus Safety Law

School bus drivers shall ensure that students are not left unattended on a school bus, except to perform red light escorts to other students 22112(d) VC, comply with the legal requirements of collisions and mechanical breakdowns. All drivers shall remain in the immediate vicinity of the school bus. 12 S.B. 1072

The Paul Lee School Bus Safety Law

In accordance with Education Code § 39831.3(a)(4), the Goleta Union School District Transportation Department deploys the following departmental policy to ensure students are not left unattended on a school bus:

- After each run (this means at each school site in the morning and after the last stop for each school in the mid-day and the PM) all drivers will physically walk to the rear of the bus and check each row of seats to ensure that there are NO STUDENTS still on board. This bus check shall include looking under the bus seats. Each bus check will include using the Child Safety Alert System.
- Upon returning to the Transportation facility drivers will once again physically walk to the rear of the bus and check each row of seats to ensure that there are NO STUDENTS still on board. This bus check shall include looking under the bus seats. Each bus check will include using the Child Safety Alert System.

Specifically, the new law requires the following:

Transportation Safety Plan Requirements

Goleta Union School District Transportation Safety Plan includes procedures to ensure that a pupil is not left unattended on a school bus, school pupil activity bus (SPAB), or youth bus as well as procedures and standards for designating an adult chaperone, other than the driver, to accompany pupils on a SPAB.

Bus Driver Training

During the last 12 months of the special driver certificate validity, the 10 hours of instruction shall also include the procedures to ensure that a pupil is not left unattended on a school bus, SPAB or youth bus.

Consequences for Bus Driver Gross Negligence

Goleta Union School District provides transportation to or from school or school activities. The Superintendent or designee must notify the DMV within five (5) calendar days after ordering and upholding disciplinary action against a driver who was found to have left the immediate vicinity of his or her assigned vehicle with an unsupervised pupil onboard in a manner that constitutes “gross negligence” (defined as the want of even scant care or an extreme departure from the ordinary standard of conduct.) Being reported will be grounds for the DMV to refuse to issue or to revoke a bus driver’s certificate.

Shawn Dahlen, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation, will inform the Superintendent and DMV of a bus driver’s gross negligence and will follow proper protocol for disciplinary action.

Child Safety Alert Systems

The new law requires the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to adopt regulation governing the specifications, installation, and use of child safety alert systems before January 1, 2018. A child safety alert system is a device located at the interior rear of a vehicle that requires the driver to manually contact the device before exiting the vehicle. The intent of such a device is to prompt the driver to inspect the entirety of the interior of the vehicle before exiting. The new law requires that each school bus, SPAB, youth bus and child care motor vehicle be equipped with a child safety alarm system on or before the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Goleta Union School District bus drivers will be responsible for using the child safety alert system each time they exit a bus other than when using the stop and cross procedures during a bus route.

The Transportation Child Safety Alert System Plan was approved by the Safety Committee on
