



STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH

Important Safety Reminder from the Chula Vista Elementary School District to California Motorists:

California Vehicle Code (VC) 22454 states in part; Penalties: Unlawful passing of a Schoolbus while the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm are in operation is a minimum of **\$150.00 up to \$1,000.00 fine.**

Important Information for Families of Bus Riders:

California Vehicle Code 22112a states in part the following; *The schoolbus driver shall operate the flashing red light signal system and stop signal arm, as required on the schoolbus, at all times when the schoolbus is stopped for the purpose of loading or unloading students.* Upon arrival to the stop, the bus driver will operate the flashing “red light” system in accordance to Vehicle Code 22112.

The a.m. bus stop time listed is the departure time of the bus for all service levels. Students are encouraged to be ready to board the bus at the designated neighborhood stop or curbside service address no earlier than five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled departure time. For example, if the bus departure time is 7:05 a.m., be ready to board the bus by 7:00 a.m. If a student is not present and ready to board, the driver will assume the student is not riding the bus to school. The bus driver will not honk the horn (VC 27001) or make phone calls. Bus drivers will not depart the morning bus stop prior to the scheduled departure time.

The flashing “red light” system will operate in accordance with VC 22112 during the entire time the bus is stopped for loading and unloading passengers. Punctuality will help prevent excessive backup of traffic in front of and behind the school bus while at the bus stop.

Friendly Reminder:

Arrival times after school are considered more flexible than pickup times, and it is possible that some children might be delivered to their stops earlier than scheduled. This could occur when a driver gains time by bypassing bus stops of absent children. Except for kindergartners, students are not required to be met at a neighborhood bus stop regardless of grade level. Curbside service levels require a student to be met at the service address. ***Please be prepared and anticipate the arrival of your child to the bus stop at the school dismissal time.***

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