



JOINT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**PARTICIPATION FORM
AND RELEASE AND WAIVER
FOR HIGH SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian of _____, a student residing within the boundaries of the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District (“Loma Prieta”), who will be attending Los Gatos High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

By signing this Participation Form/Release and Waiver for High School Bus Transportation Program (“PARTICIPATION FORM”), I am requesting that my student participate in the High School Bus Transportation Program to be offered by Loma Prieta during the 2016-2017 school year. I am further certifying that I have read, understand, and agree to all of the terms and conditions for program participation listed below:

- My student’s participation in the High School Bus Transportation Program is voluntary.
- My student may be removed from the program for failure to follow the attached Rules and Regulations for Bus Riders.
- I understand that transportation will be provided before school each day that Los Gatos High School is in session. Students will be picked up at designated stops in a schoolbus and dropped off at Los Gatos High School, 20 High School Court, Los Gatos, CA approximately 15-20 minutes before school starts. The bus will not wait for students beyond the scheduled pick up/drop off times.
- Students must have a valid bus pass to ride the school bus. Passes must be purchased using the Bus Pass Order Form attached. There are no refunds of passes purchased for any reason.
- I understand and acknowledge that my student’s participation in the High School Bus Transportation Program poses the potential risk of serious injury or death and that by signing this PARTICIPATION FORM I am assuming all liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks that may be associated with my student’s participation in the program.

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I hereby agree to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and hold harmless the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District, its Board of Education, officials, agents, employees, consultants, and volunteers (“District Parties”) from any and all liability for mishap, personal injury or death, property loss or damage, or any other damages whatsoever, whether arising out of or in any way related to my student’s participation in the High School Bus Transportation Program. I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and District Parties from any and all claims and causes of action related to this Participation Form/Release and Waiver for High School Bus Transportation Program, and the subject matter thereof, including attorney fees and costs.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this PARTICIPATION FORM and that I understand and agree to its terms.

Student Name

Grade

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

A signed PARTICIPATION FORM and RULES AND REGULATIONS FORM must be on file with the District before a student will be allowed to ride the bus.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BUS RIDERS

The following Rules and Regulations have been established by the Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District for students who ride buses to school. **These Rules and Regulations also apply to non-District students participating in the High School Bus Transportation Program.** We need your cooperation in order to allow the bus driver to devote her/his full attention to safe driving, not discipline. It is very important for each bus rider to be familiar with and understand each rule.

Remember, the bus driver has a high degree of responsibility, but so do the passengers! Advise your son/daughter to cooperate with the bus driver(s) so that the trip is safe and pleasant.

Seven Basic Bus Rules

1. **No “rough housing” of any kind.** Pushing, loud noises, fighting, profanity, and throwing of anything is strictly forbidden.
2. **All riders must remain seated** until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is opened.
3. **NOTHING** (arms, legs, lunches, objects, etc..) should be out any window of the bus.
4. Line up at the bus stop and wait until the bus stops fully before approaching to load. Depart off the bus in an orderly and controlled, safe and patient manner.
5. **Behave** in a way which shows RESPONSIBILITY, CONSIDERATION, and RESPECT for others and for property
6. **Seat belts must be worn at all times**
7. **FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS FROM THE BUS DRIVERS – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NOTE: Students participating in the High School Bus Transportation Program may be removed from the program and denied any future bus privileges for any violation of these Rules and Regulations.

Consequences for Misbehavior on the School Bus

Any infractions of the rules shall result in the following actions. The ultimate consequence is that a student may be forbidden to ride the school bus. Bus regulations are controlled by the CHP, DMV, Title 13 and Title 5.

ONE WARNING ONLY

1. The bus driver will talk with the student, identify the problem, and refer the student to the supervisor. The supervisor will contact the parents.
2. If the first warning is not effective and any type of misbehavior continues, the student rider will not be allowed to ride the bus for the remainder of the year. No refunds will be paid.

AUTOMATIC REMOVAL

1. Defiance of the driver’s instructions. (The driver is the final authority on all transportation safety issues.)
2. Smoking of any type, including lighting of a match or lighter.
3. Fighting (striking another student with hands, feet or objects), “play fighting,” or “horseplay.”
4. Possession or use of firecrackers or explosives of any type, or any other dangerous items.
5. Vandalism, property damage of any type

Section 1463 of the State Board of Education Regulations governing pupil transportation states: “Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. **CONTINUED DISORDERLY CONDUCT OR PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER SHALL BE SUFFICIENT REASON FOR A PUPIL TO BE DENIED TRANSPORTATION.** A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus enroute between home and school or other destination. Acknowledgement of Rules and Regulations for Bus Riders

My child and I have reviewed and understand these Rules and Regulations for Bus Riders.

_____ Date _____
Name of Student

_____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

Los Gatos High School AM Route

7:05 District Playfield/Transportation Yard 23845 Summit Rd

7:10 Chasewood/Summit Rd

7:15 Mt Charlie Rd/Summit (East Side of Highway) **pullout is on Mt Charlie Rd**

7:17 Peacock Tree Farm

7:20 17615 Mt Charlie Rd

7:45 Bear Creek Rd

7:55 Los Gatos High School

****These times may need to be adjusted**

Bus Pass Order Form

Date_____

Parent/Guardian_____

Mailing Address_____

City_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Work Phone_____ Cell_____

Email address_____

City_____ Zip_____

*BUS STOP*_____

Student_____ Grade_____

Student_____ Grade_____

_____ Annual Pass \$630.00

_____ 1/2 year Pass \$337.50 (expires Jan 17)

_____ Quarter Pass \$180.00 (expires Oct 21, Jan 17, Mar 29)

_____ Total enclosed

**There is limited seating available on this bus. Priority will be given to Annual Pass Holders