

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Education Transportation Service

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Council has implemented a Transportation Safety Plan that is tailored to meet the needs of the Tribe and provide all of the protection afforded under State and Federal Law to students and other passengers, both on and off the Reservation.

1. The Transportation Safety Plan is designed to provide a plan to assist with the safety and security for Morongo Education Transportation and Morongo Dial-A-Ride (MDAR) Program passengers. The plan includes emergency planning, organization, commercial driver program, vehicle maintenance program, and response policies and procedures. In addition, the plan provides for all students to be escorted across any roadway. The driver shall determine which, if any, student(s) at each assigned bus stop require escort. Procedures outlined in California's Bus Driver Training Course shall be followed at all stops. The Transportation Manager, along with the primary driver of the route, must note which stops require student escort. This does not relieve the driver or substitute of responsibility for checking with the students when there is a potential need for escort. If a student is on the left hand side of the highway or private road, he or she must wait to cross until receiving crossing instructions from the driver. Students are informed when they arrive to the bus stop late that they are to observe this rule.
2. Students and passengers who enroll in the Morongo Education Transportation and the Morongo Dial-A-Ride program will receive a pamphlet entitled "Bus Riders' Safety Guide". This Guide outlines procedures to follow when boarding and exiting the school bus and/or para-transit bus, safe riding practices, rules of conduct, and other procedures related to riding the school bus and/or para-transit vehicle.
3. The driver shall stop to load or unload pupils only at designated bus stops. The Transportation Department will announce the designated bus stops and times after all required documents have been submitted to and approved by the Transportation Manager and the Education Administrator. The Morongo Education Department will notify Morongo Transportation when there is a new student. If the student gets on the bus without the correct information, the driver will notify the Morongo Transportation Department for the correct stop or return the student to the school office or Transportation office after contacting the Morongo Transportation Department. Morongo Transportation Department shall instruct/demonstrate bus evacuations to students twice per school year and before every field trip.
4. Qualified participants in the MDAR program shall be transported within the current service area, which includes origins and destinations. The Morongo Tribal Council will approve MDAR service hours, times, days, public service groups, origins, and destinations. Morongo Dial-A-Ride Program recipients must be approved prior to receiving services; the Transportation Manager will approve after all required documents have been submitted and approved.