



## STUDENT PASSENGER CODE OF CONDUCT



RTD passengers have a right to a safe and comfortable ride from the beginning to the end of their trip. Each RTD passenger also has a responsibility to be respectful of each other, RTD's drivers, and RTD's equipment.

Passengers can inform the driver of any problem they are having with other passengers, or anyone at a bus stop/transfer station, and the driver will provide or call for assistance.

Passengers may not be aware that there are sections in the California Penal Code (PC) that cover violations on transit buses and/or transit facilities. Failure to comply can result in a citation, an extended removal/expulsion from the bus, and/or arrest.

### **Prohibited Acts**

**Evasion of fare:** 640(b)(1) PC. Evasion of the payment of any fare of the system is a violation. This includes failure to show identification for reduced fare when requested and using outdated passes and transfers.

**Misuse of any transfer:** 640 (b)(2) PC. Misuse of any transfer, pass, ticket, or token with the intent to evade the payment of any fare is a violation.

**Playing sound equipment on the bus:** 640(b)(3) PC. Playing sound equipment on the bus is a violation. Portable radio or other sound equipment must be turned off and kept off while riding the bus.

**Smoking, eating, drinking on the bus:** 640(b)(4) PC. Smoking, eating, and drinking on the bus is a violation. If a passenger has a bottle of water or soda, the cap must be placed back on prior to boarding the bus, and the drink must be put away for the duration of the trip. Drinks in styrofoam, plastic, or paper cups are not permitted, even with a lid on them. The same guidelines apply to food. Smoking is not allowed on the bus at any time.

**Expectorating (spitting) on the bus:** 640(b)(5) PC. If a passenger spits while on the bus, he/she will be cited and expelled from the bus for two weeks.

**Willfully disturbing others / Swearing:** 640(b)(6) PC. Passengers are not to yell or swear at the driver or each other while the bus is in motion. Be courteous to the driver and all passengers and use appropriate language. Failure to comply will result in a citation and expulsion from the bus for two weeks.

**Graffiti:** 640.5 PC. Any person who defaces with graffiti or other inscribed material to the interior or exterior of an RTD bus will be cited and expelled from riding any RTD bus for thirty days.

**To ensure safe transportation:** Passengers must remain in designated seating and standing areas while the bus is in motion.

There are other penal code sections that cover other violations regarding transit, which are also strictly enforced. Failure to comply with the RTD Code of Conduct may result in a citation and/or expulsion from the bus. Remember that RTD buses and transfer areas have several cameras operating at all times. RTD officers (Stockton Police Dept.) and RTD management staff view the videos. Violations captured on video may result in citations, arrests, and/or expulsion from the transit system.

Any student expelled from riding the buses for any of the above-listed violations or other crimes on/at any bus or transfer location will be cited and/or arrested. This may result in additional punishment from the student's school administrators. RTD staff will be working with school administrators and parents/guardians to ensure safe and compliant behavior throughout the transit system.