

SCHOOL BUS USE CONTRACT
2012-2013 School Year

State law does not require school districts to provide bus transportation. Therefore, riding a school bus is a privilege and not an entitlement. To retain that privilege the following rules and regulations must be followed.

- Students must be at their bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus. Drivers will not stop if no one is at the bus stop. To keep on schedule, students should be waiting for the bus, buses cannot wait for the students.
- Any students needing to be dropped off any place other than their regular stop **MUST HAVE A NOTE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE**. No one will be taken any place other than his/her regular stop without this signed note. No young child (pre-school – second grade) will be dropped off unless an appropriate adult appears to be home. If no one appears to be home the child will be brought back to his/her school.
- Attached is a list of the rules for riding the bus. These rules are also posted inside each bus and must be followed. Bus drivers have been instructed to issue a bus ticket anytime these rules are not followed. Following are the consequences for receiving a bus ticket.

First Ticket: The principal will talk with the student and issue a warning.
Second Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for one day.
Third Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for three days.
Fourth Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for five days.
Fifth Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for the remainder of the school year.

Bus tickets must be signed by the parent/guardian and the yellow copy must be returned to the driver before the child can ride any bus. Signing the bus ticket indicates the parent saw the ticket and not that he/she necessarily agree with it.

1. Bus suspensions only count when the student is in attendance at school.
2. All tickets issued the last week of school will carry over to the following school year.
3. Principals will dictate when the suspensions are to be served, usually within two days of when the ticket is issued.
4. Any vandalism or damage to a school bus may result in suspension from riding all buses to and from school for the remainder of the school year and the student will be charged for the cost of repairs.
5. Serious infractions can result in immediate suspension from riding all buses for up to the remainder of the school year or longer, based on the decision of the building principal.

This contract supersedes all handbook policies regarding bus transportation. This contract must be signed by each student and his/her parents guardians and returned to the principal's office of his/her respective school prior to the end of the first week of school.

_____ Print Student's Name	_____ Print Parent's Name	_____ Bus #
_____ Student's Signature	_____ Parent's Signature	_____ School Building Attending

**Since all students usually ride a school bus during a school year either to and from school, on field trips, or to school events, we are asking all students and parents to read and sign this contract. The signed contract should be returned to their regular bus driver if they ride a bus to and from school and to the office if they are not regular bus riders. Failure to do so by the end of the first week of school each year will result in the student losing the privilege to ride a bus until a signed contract is returned. Thanks for helping us make our school buses safer and better for our students.