

School Bus Transport Contract

Purpose

To ensure a safe, respectful, and comfortable journey for all students using the school bus service, we have established the following guidelines. These expectations must be followed by all students, parents / guardians to maintain a positive bus environment.

Behavior Expectations of Students:

- **Respect Others:** Be kind and respectful to fellow students and their belongings.
- **Follow Instructions:** Always comply with the directions given by the bus driver and assistant/nanny.
- **Cooperate Without Argument:** Listen to transport staff and follow their instructions promptly and respectfully.
- **Use Appropriate Language:** Students must always talk politely and respectfully with transport staff and peers.
- **Keep Noise to a Minimum:** Speak quietly and avoid causing unnecessary noise to ensure a calm atmosphere.
- **No Eating or Drinking:** For safety reasons, only water is allowed on the bus. Eating or drinking other beverages is prohibited.
- **Calm and Non-Aggressive Behavior:** Maintain a calm demeanor, avoiding any aggressive or disruptive actions.
- **Stay Seated and Buckle Up:** Sit in your assigned seat, fasten your seat belt, and store your belongings safely while the bus is in motion.
- **Respect Bus Property:** Do not mark, damage, or interfere with any bus equipment or property.
- **Be Punctual:** Arrive at your designated bus stop on time. Running to catch the bus is dangerous and not allowed.
- **Stay Seated Until the Bus Stops:** Only stand up once the bus has come to a complete stop.
- **Exit Calmly:** Leave the bus in a quiet and orderly manner.

What Students Must Not Do:

- **No Bullying or Harassment:** Do not engage in bullying or harassment of fellow students or transport staff.
- **No Feet on Seats or Vandalism:** Keep feet off the seats and avoid causing any damage to the bus.
- **No Fighting or Offensive Language:** Fighting, spitting, or using offensive, rude, or inappropriate language is strictly not allowed.
- **No Throwing Objects:** Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- **No Consumption of Food or Music Playing:** For safety reasons, eating or drinking (except for water) and playing music are not allowed on the bus.

- **No Standing While in Motion:** Students must remain seated while the bus is moving.

Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians:

- **Timeliness:** It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child/children are at the designated pick-up point at the assigned time. While buses will not leave ahead of schedule, they cannot wait for students beyond the allotted time. Please note that due to traffic conditions, buses may arrive at pick-up or drop-off points later than the assigned time. Parents will be notified of any change in pick-up or drop-off times as and when required.
- **Absence or Non-Usage Notification:** Parents/guardians must inform the Bus Assistant or Transport In-Charge if their child will not be using the bus on a particular day or if they will not need the return trip.
- **Absence of parent at Dropoff Point:** Students will not be dropped off if parent/guardian is not present to receive them. Students will be brought back to the school and it shall be parent's responsibility to pick them from school.

Consequences of Misbehaviour:

The school places a high value on student safety and well-being. If a student does not adhere to the behaviour expectations on the bus, the following actions may be taken:

1. **Verbal Warning:** First-time misbehavior will result in a verbal warning.
2. **Temporary Suspension:** Repeated offenses may lead to a temporary suspension from the bus service.
3. **Permanent Loss of bus services:** Repeated misbehaviour may result in permanent removal from the bus service.

Damage to School Bus:

- **Parent/Guardian Responsibility:** Any damage caused to the school bus or any property due to a student's actions will be the financial responsibility of the parent/guardian. The cost of repairs will be assessed and charged accordingly.

Liability Disclaimer:

The school will not be held responsible for any damages or consequences resulting from the inappropriate behavior or actions of students on the bus.

By signing the below, the parent and the student agree to the above terms of this contract.

Student/s Name:..... Year /Section.....

Parent Name:.....

Parent Signature.....

Date