

Lake Forest Elementary School Bus Contract



Student Name _____ Grade _____ Bus # _____

The top priority of the Transportation Department of New Hanover County Schools is the safety of your children. In order to provide the safest and most efficient transportation, we need your cooperation to see that students understand the importance of and follow bus safety rules. Please review the safety rules with your child and become a partner with us by signing the behavior contract so that we all have a clear understanding of the expectations of the Transportation Department. **Education is your right, transportation is a privilege, don't abuse it.** New Hanover County Board of Education Policy 8410 states, "Students who fail to observe the bus safety rules are subject to immediate disciplinary action since failure to do so may affect the safety of others...Disciplinary action may include suspensions from the bus."

1. While riding the bus students are under the complete supervision of the driver and shall obey the driver's first request.
2. Students will have seats assigned by the driver. Walk to your assigned seat in an orderly manner and remain seated for the entire ride.
3. Drugs, tobacco products, weapons, knives, sharp objects, or pets are not allowed on the bus.
4. Keep the bus clean. No eating, drinking, or littering on the bus.
5. Use a quiet voice. Do not speak loudly or shout, throw objects, use profane language, or fight. For everyone's safety, do not distract the driver through misbehavior.
6. Keep aisles clear and keep hands and arms to yourself and inside the bus. Students should not make gestures or shout to anyone inside or outside the bus.
7. Respect the property of others. Do not take or damage what is not yours. Students and parents will be expected to pay for any damages they cause.
8. Students may not tamper with any safety devices such as emergency exits, fire extinguishers, radios, etc. The use of any camera, video or recording devices is prohibited.

Minor Offenses

- Failure to remain seated
- Loud, rude or abusive behavior
- Profane language or obscene gestures
- Pushing or tripping
- Hanging out of the window
- Horseplay
- Throwing objects
- Other conduct prejudicial to good order or discipline and effects the safe operation of the school bus

Disciplinary Action for Minor Offenses:

- 1st Referral:** Student conference, parent phone call
2nd Referral: 2 day bus suspension or parent/student bus safety training, and Behavior Contract implemented.
3rd Referral: Suspension of riding privileges for 3 days.
4th Referral: Suspension of riding privileges for 5 days.
5th Referral: Suspension of riding privileges for the remainder of year.

Major Offenses

- Bullying or threats
- Refusing to obey driver
- Profane language or cursing directed at the bus driver
- Fighting
- Tampering with bus equipment
- Destruction of property
- Throwing objects at bus driver's direction
- Possession of articles of an injurious or objectionable nature

Disciplinary Action for Major Offenses:

- 1st Referral:** 3 day bus suspension and conference with parents/driver/administration.
2nd Referral: 5 day bus suspension and parent conference.
3rd Referral: Suspension of riding privileges for the remainder of the year.

I will follow the safety rules listed above and cooperate with the bus driver while riding a New Hanover County bus this year.

Student Signature

Date

I have discussed the safety rules listed above with my child and expect my child to assist in bus safety by following the rules.

Parent Signature

Date