



Bus Policy and Protocol 2023

In order to provide a safe environment for your child, please carefully review the policy guidelines listed below. Signing the 2022 Summer Camp Bus Registration Form means that you and your child(ren) agree to these policies.

BASIC INFORMATION & RULES FOR PICK UP IN THE MORNING:

- Arrive to stop at least 5-10 minutes before the published pull time on the bus schedule. Drivers will adhere to published times as best they can based on traffic conditions.
- Drop Students on the boarding side of the bus. Make sure it's a safe zone and be aware of other parents dropping their children off; do not drop your child off so they have to walk across a parking lot or a busy street.
- Do not allow your child to board a bus if they have a fever or show signs of illness.
- Never pull in front of the bus to block it from leaving. Do not chase the bus or expect them to stop at a random corner to accommodate your child. Drivers cannot make unpublished and approved stops.
- Children in grades K-3 will not be allowed to get off the bus without a parent/older sibling/guardian at the door of the bus to pick them up. If you are not at the stop when the driver arrives, the driver will contact First Student and we will attempt to contact you. Otherwise, the driver will finish his/her route and bring your child back to San Domenico. Buses cannot "wait" at the stops.

STUDENT CONDUCT: All policies and procedures as outlined in the parent/student handbook are in effect while students ride the bus. In the beginning of the school year, each student will participate in a bus meeting to review the following rules and conduct on the bus. Our buses are also equipped with cameras to monitor behavior when needed. We highly encourage you to review these rules with your child/children.

- Students must obey the driver at all times
- Students must wear seat belts at all times, face forward and stay seated at all times..
- No more than 1 student to a seat unless they are siblings; no exceptions.
- Changing seats is not allowed while the bus is in motion.
- Students must keep all body parts inside the bus and never throw items out the windows.
- **Eating and drinking are not permitted on the bus.**
- Shouting and yelling are not permitted.
- Reading materials must be appropriate for all ages.
- Before leaving the bus, students must clean up their space including the seat and floor.

- Special items such as live animals, large school projects, breakable jars and containers are not allowed on the bus.
- Respectful and appropriate language and behavior are required at the bus stop, on the bus and when departing the bus.
- Students posting graffiti on the bus will receive an immediate citation.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE: Citations will be issued by the bus driver, teacher or principal for not following the rules listed above. After two warnings, any one of the following may happen:

1. The student may be suspended from riding the bus for several days.
2. The student may be suspended from riding the bus. ***If the driver reports the 1st offense serious enough, the school may immediately take one of the above steps.***

PERSONAL ITEMS: Backpacks and personal items must be stored under the seats to allow everyone to sit comfortably. Larger items, including bicycles, can be placed in the lower bus storage area.

PARENT CONDUCT: For the safety of all our students, please do not block the bus with your vehicle, deter the bus driver from leaving, go around the bus, especially if the stop sign is out, or call the bus driver on the phone at any time. Infractions may result in your student being immediately suspended from riding the bus. Parents are not permitted to board or ride the bus. If you have concerns regarding other students on the bus, please do not contact the parents of the student; contact the appropriate camp counselor at San Domenico.