

STATE OF LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ROLE OF PARENT/GUARDIANS

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Parents should be informed of and should understand their responsibility in working with the bus driver and school system personnel for the welfare and safety of their children. Also, emphasis should be placed on the problems involved with safe transportation and the extent of responsibility placed on bus drivers who are transporting their children.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE:

1. Be familiar with and follow local board and school level policies for school bus transportation.
2. Have children ready and at their designated pickup points along the route 5 to 10 minutes before the bus is due to arrive.
3. Cooperate with the school and bus driver in teaching children safety precautions and good manners and habits for school bus passengers.
4. Assist when there are disciplinary problems.
5. Avoid detaining the driver on the route.
6. If a problem arises, contact your child's school principal or the Transportation Department. Avoid contacting drivers to change schedules, route assignment, bus stops, etc.
7. Assist the school district in monitoring safe access to passengers by keeping the bus loading and unloading zones free of parked vehicles, trash or debris, and keeping vegetation trimmed, etc.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN TO BUS DRIVER WITHIN 5 SCHOOL DAYS.

School Year - 20 _____ /20 _____ BUS NUMBER _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ DOB: _____ M F

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Physical Home Address: _____

City _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Work Phone: (_____) _____ Other: (_____) _____

In an emergency, contact: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Bus Stop Location: AM _____ PM: _____

Medical Needs or Allergies: _____

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RULES FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS

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A school bus with undisciplined passengers is a hazardous bus. The misbehavior of the students can lead to accidents. The driver must concentrate on the driving task at hand and cannot be expected to constantly discipline the students while the bus is in motion. A student's behavior on the bus should be no different than in a classroom. Therefore, for the safe operation of the school bus, students should be aware of and obey the following safety rules:

1. Cooperate with the driver; your safety depends on it.
2. Be on time; the bus will NOT wait.
3. Cross the road cautiously under the direction of the driver when boarding and leaving the bus.
4. Follow the driver's instruction when loading and unloading.
5. Remain quiet enough not to distract the driver.
6. Have written permission and be authorized by the principal to get on or off at a stop other than the designated stop. (This written permission must have parent's signature, principal's signature, and given to bus driver to be filed on the bus).
7. Remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
8. Keep arms, head, and other objects inside the bus at all times.
9. Refrain from throwing objects in the bus or out of windows and doors.
10. Use emergency exits only for emergencies, and when instructed to do so.
11. Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus.
12. The use or possession of the following items is not allowed on the bus under any circumstances: tobacco, matches, cigarettes or cigarette lighters, obscene material, weapons, drugs, pets, or other prohibited items on the bus. For any additional restricted items, refer to child's school policy handbook.
13. No glass objects or other objects allowed on the bus if prohibited by state or federal law or local school board policies.
14. No band instruments, projects, and other objects too large or too hazardous to be held by the passenger or stowed safely under the seat will be permitted on the bus.
15. Refrain from damaging the bus in any way.
16. Remove or secure any drawstrings on clothing or book bags to prevent injury to yourself or others.
17. Be courteous and safety conscious. Protect your personal riding privilege and enjoy the ride.

MY CHILD AND I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BUS RIDER'S RULES.

Parent or Guardian's Signature

Student's Signature