



**BUS RIDER RULES TO FOLLOW:** Each student's safety is of great importance and top priority to A&S. By registering your child(ren), you also acknowledge that you have received and understand the importance of your student knowing and following these bus rider rules. Below are a few important items to know regarding school bus transportation, **please review them with your child.**

**Once assigned to a bus stop:**

**Parents, please ensure students safely arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled stop time and allow up to 15 minutes after for the bus to arrive. Students must be clearly visible to the driver and wait at the assigned bus stop before the bus arrives (not waiting in vehicle). The driver is unable to wait and must continue the route. Do not have your student try and run after the bus if the bus is moving away. Students are requested to wait and follow the driver's instructions when boarding and exiting the bus.**

**IMPORTANT: All students in grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> are required to have a parent/guardian present at the bus to receive their student when the bus is dropping them off. If no parent or a sibling in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up are not present, the student will be returned to the school for parents to pick them up there.**

- Parents or Schools may not request directly to the driver to make any unauthorized stops that are not listed on their current route sheet.
- All requests, communication, concerns from parents must go through the school. The school will then decide if transportation will be informed. They will be looked into but does not mean a change will be made.
- Discipline is implemented by the school in partnership with A&S Transportation.

Students must follow all bus safety procedures and must board and exit the bus properly.

1. Students must maintain absolute silence at all railroad crossings.
2. Students must take their **assigned** seats immediately and **always remain seated.**
3. No standing, changing seats, leaning over seats, or walking in bus when in motion.
4. Students must be polite and courteous to bus drivers, following all requests promptly and politely. Students must follow all instructions given by the bus driver. Students should report threats or bad behaviors to the driver if needed.
5. There will be absolutely no tampering with bus equipment, doors, windows, gears, etc. at any time. **Any damage (including ink) to the bus will be the parents' responsibility and will be charged for the repairs.**
6. Personal items must sit in your lap or on the floor in front of a student. There will be no touching anyone else's property or person.

7. The use of electronic devices may only be permitted at the driver's discretion, but headphones must be used.
8. **No cell phones allowed** outside the student's book bags. No taking pictures or video recording is allowed while on the bus. If the driver sees a cell phone out the student will be written up and possibly suspended from the bus.
9. **A&S will not be responsible for any lost or damaged items including phones.**
10. Students must be polite and courteous to one another. Bullying will not be tolerated (verbal, physical, cyber).
11. The bus driver reserves the right to move a student's seat if that student is acting in a disruptive manner.
12. The following behaviors will also not be tolerated and may lead to immediate suspension or removal from the bus:
  - Throwing objects outside/inside the bus (damages to other vehicles or persons etc. will be parents' responsibility)
  - No false reports of an emergency to be given.
  - Real safety and emergency situations should be reported to the driver.
  - NO: Eating, drinking (except water) or gum chewing. Buses should be clean of garbage to prevent insects etc.
  - Keep hands and feet inside the bus, out of the aisle and to yourself.
  - NO: Threats, weapons, fighting, bullying, screaming, shoving, cursing, etc.
  - For your child's safety, the students must remain in their seats sitting down and refrain from loud conversation to allow the driver to hear his surroundings outside of the bus as well. **A calm bus is a safe bus!**
13. Students must follow all student codes of conduct as described in the Schools Student Handbook.

**Parent/Guardian**, some schools utilize depot stops to assist parents that live farther out in the zone. Students assigned to a stop that has a walking distance greater than a mile and a half from their home is considered a **"Depot" or a "Hub" stop**. These stops are not intended for a student to walk to, but they are to be taken to by the parent/guardian for the bus to pick them up. Parent/guardian must be present when dropping off as well. This includes students in all grades unless the school specifies differently. If no parent is present at the depot stop, the student will be returned to the school.

Note: The student is required to attend school on the days of bus suspension. Absences during bus suspension are not excused absences. The parents must make all necessary arrangements to make sure that the student attends school.

*Please note that at no time will a parent/guardian be allowed to board the bus for any reason for student safety.*

**Bus transportation is a privilege NOT guaranteed and can be revoked if bus rules are not followed.**

When a student chooses to deviate from appropriate behavior, the steps for consequences will be as follows:

- **First Violation:** The student will receive a warning, which will include a telephone call home to parent/guardian.
- **Second Violation:** The student will be suspended from bus privileges for (2) two school days.
- **Third Violation:** The student will be suspended from bus privileges (5) five school days.
- **Fourth Violation:** The student will be suspended from bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.
- **Note:** The student is required to attend school on the days of bus suspension. Absences during bus suspension are not excused absences. The parents must make all necessary arrangements to make sure that the student attends school.

**PARENT AND STUDENT SCHOOL BUS AGREEMENT**

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the school Bus

Parent (Print)

Student (Print)

*Agreement and understand that riding the bus is a privilege, which may be revoked if the above rules are not followed. By signing below, we agree to abide by the above rules. We clearly understand that infractions may result in suspension or complete revocation of transportation services.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT STUDENT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT PARENT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Parents please do not make any requests directly to the driver. If you have any questions, please direct them directly to your school and not the driver. The school may then reach out to the bus vendor for assistance if needed. Stop changes will not be made due to parent requests. Community stops are provided to accommodate all students within the area. Only valid changes may be made if deemed necessary and approved.**

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Cell Phones are not allowed to be used while on the bus.  
Busing is a privilege!