Coloma Community School

School Bus Safety Contract

2017-2018

I have read the school bus rules and have discussed them with my child. I understand that riding a school bus is a privilege and that misconduct may result in loss of those privileges.

Child's Name: _____Grade: _____

Any Medical Conditions or Allergies we need to be aware of: _____

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Home Address: _____ Home Phone #: _____

Mother's Name: _____Cell Phone #: _____

Father's Name: _____Cell Phone #: _____

Bus Pick up/Drop off Address (if different from Home address): _____

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Daycare Name & Phone #: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____

I have read the rules with my child. *(Please return this form to your child's school)*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Bus Rules

Transportation Department Mission

To provide students with safe transportation to school programs and activities.

Responsibility of the Bus Driver

The bus drivers are responsible for the safe and orderly transportation of all students. The drivers are responsible for carrying out all district policies and rules relating to student transportation. The bus driver is in complete charge of the bus and students, the same as a teacher in a classroom.

Responsibility of the Students

1. Be at the designated stop ready to board the bus five (5) minutes before the bus arrival time. The driver is responsible to keep on schedule and CANNOT WAIT for tardy students.
2. Stay off the traveled roadway at all times while waiting for the bus, Stand at least fifteen (15) feet off the roadway.
3. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the door is open before attempting to get on/off the bus, using only the front door. Depart the bus only when the driver indicates that it is alright to do so.
4. If students cross in front of the bus, do so in the following manner: Make certain the bus is not moving, the red alternating lights are on, and all other traffic has stopped. Go ten (10) feet in front of the bus within sight of the driver, wait for the proper signal from the driver, and then look both ways to make sure there are NO cars moving before crossing.
5. According to Pupil Transportation Act 187 Section 257.1811, "All baggage, articles, equipment, etc… must be secured in a manner that assures unrestricted access to all exits by all occupants, and protects against injury." This means all items brought on the bus are to be held by the student. Nothing will be permitted on the floor. Animals or glass items are not allowed on the bus.
6. Students should be absolutely quiet at railroad crossing and use quiet voices during bus transportation so the driver is not distracted.
7. Occupy the seat assigned by the driver and refrain from moving while the bus is in motion.
8. Observe classroom conduct (except for quiet conversation) getting on /off and while riding the bus.
9. Obey the driver cheerfully and promptly. Courtesy to the driver and fellow students is expected.
10. Keep hands and heads inside the bus at all times. No throwing objects inside or outside of the bus.
11. Make restitution to the school for any damage done to school property.
12. Report any damage to the bus that is observed.
13. No spraying perfume/cologne on the bus.
14. Help keep the bus clean. Chewing gum, candy and beverages are not allowed on the bus. No eating on the bus.

Responsibility of the Parents

The responsibility of the parents whose child(ren) are transported :

1. To make sure your child is at the bus stop on time in the morning, five (5) minutes before the scheduled pickup time.
2. If your child(ren) has missed the bus at their assigned stop: for safety reasons **DO NOT** follow the bus to the next stop to try and get your child(ren) aboard the bus. You must take your child(ren) all the way to their school building.
3. Little Learners Students, Kindergartener and First Graders will not be left at their stop unless an adult or older child is present. The child will be returned to their school, where the secretary will try to contact the parent. If a parent or emergency contact person cannot be reached, the police will have to be contacted. The third time this occurs, the child will be suspended from the bus.
4. To provide necessary protection and supervision of their child(ren) when going to and from and while waiting for the bus.
5. To make reasonable effort to cooperate with those responsible for student transportation. If you need to report a problem that occurred on the bus, please talk to the driver or call the transportation supervisor 269-468-2433 in a calm voice without using abusive language.
6. To understand that all students must be taken home to their assigned stop at night. Exceptions may be made by a written note from the parent, sent to the buildings office. The note must be signed, dated and provide a phone number where the parent may be contacted in case of an emergency, problem or for verification. If a student is going to another student's home, the school requires a note from that parent as well. Be aware that some of our buses are full and cannot accept these types of riders, it is best to check with the school or driver beforehand to make sure we can provide transportation.
7. To accept responsibility of reading the rules with your child(ren) and making sure they understand what is expected.
8. Parents are responsible for reporting all changes in address, home phone number, and emergency phone numbers to the building office.
9. To sign and return the Bus Safety Contract. A signed contract is required in order for your child(ren) to receive bus transportation.

Riding the School Bus is a Privilege.

The school may at any time, revoke your child's bus privileges if there is a repeated disregard for the bus rules.

You would then be responsible for transporting your child both in the morning and after school

for at least one (1) full school day, or up to the remainder of the current school year.