

## GENERAL SAFETY RULES FOR STUDENTS/PARENTS

1. Students must arrive at the bus stop at least TEN minutes before the bus is due.
  2. Stay on the sidewalk when walking to the bus stop. Ideally, if there isn't one, walk on the left side of the street, facing traffic.
  3. Wait for the bus in a safe place, away from the road. Stay off the street.
  4. Respect the property rights of the people whose houses are at or near the bus stop.
  5. When the bus arrives, don't cross the street until the bus has come to a complete stop and the flashing red lights have been turned on. Just because the bus has stopped and its lights are on doesn't mean cars will stop for you. Look both ways before you cross the street. Cross at least 10 feet (or 10 giant steps) in front of the bus.
  6. Let younger students get on the bus first.
  7. Never try to get anything that rolls under the bus. Alert the bus driver instead.
  8. Enter the bus in an orderly manner and take your seat. All students must remain seated at all times. Be aware that some bus drivers may assign seats. Listen to the bus driver and follow his or her instructions. They have the same authority as a teacher in a classroom.
  9. Keep your hands, head and feet inside the bus at all times. Don't stick anything out the window. Keep your hands to yourself. Do not touch others or throw anything on the bus.
- I O. Anything that distracts the driver's attention, such as loud talking or laughter, can result in an accident. Speak quietly. Riders need to provide a quiet environment for the driver so they can concentrate on road conditions.
- I I. Don't tamper with or vandalize the bus. Your parents will be responsible for the repairs.
12. Keep the center aisle clear while the bus is moving. Put your backpacks or bags in front of you on the floor or on your lap.
  13. Never, ever play with the emergency exits.

**\*\*Failure to follow the rules may result in a disciplinary action that could, depending on the seriousness of the infraction, prevent the student from riding the bus for the rest of the school year. Video cameras may be recording activities on the bus and any misbehaving may be taped and used as evidence.\*\***

**\* A DESIGNATED PARENT [GUARDIAN IS NOT AT THE BUS STOP WHEN A KINDERGARTEN STUDENT ARRIVES THE CHILD WILL NOT BE LET OFF THE BUS AND THE WEST MIFFLIN POLICE WILL BE NOTIFIED. PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR**

## Student Bus Contract

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Bus # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The principal will suspend bus privileges if any student not following the rules. Additional disciplinary action may also be imposed. The safety of all students to and from school is dependent on an understanding and cooperative effort of parents, students school bus drivers and school personnel.

- Students must obey bus drivers promptly as they are in full charge of buses and pupils while in transit.
- Students must be on time at the designated bus stops. Buses cannot wait.
- Students must stay off the roadway at all times while waiting for buses.
- Students must cross in front of the bus when crossing.
- Students must wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter or exit the bus.
- Students must keep their arms and heads inside the bus at all times.
- Students must remain seated at all times when the bus is in motion.
- Any damage to the bus should be reported to the bus driver at once.
- Any student causing a disturbance on the bus may be suspended from riding the bus.
- Any student damaging a bus may be suspended from riding the bus.
- Smoking will not be permitted on the bus. Violation of this regulation will result in disciplinary action.
- Students will be picked up and dropped off only at their designated stop.
- Students may only ride the bus to which they have been designated by the district. No unassigned students are permitted to ride the bus.
- Requests to temporarily ride another bus must be made in writing from a parent and approved by an administrator
- Bus students may not walk home, to doctor's appointments, activities or another student's home without written permission from a parent.
- Any transportation must be submitted to the office for approval on the morning of the request.

### Consequences: (Minor Offenses)

- **FIRST OFFENSE:** Warning and phone call home.
- ❖ **SECOND OFFENSE:** Lunch Detention/Phone call home
- ❖ **THIRD OFFENSE:** % Day In-School Reflection/Phone call home ❖
- FOURTH OFFENSE:** 1 Day In-School Reflection/Phone call home
- ❖ **FIFTH OFFENSE:** 1 Day Bus Suspension/Parent Notified
- ❖ **SIXTH OFFENSE:** Additional Suspensions or a possible loss of bus privileges

I understand that any violation on the bus that also violates the Student Code of Conduct will also result in school consequences.

I have read, understand and shared this contract with my parent/guardian.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

---

\*Please note that students in Grades 6-8 are NOT PERMITTED to ride or board grade 4-5 buses

\*Please note that a written request to ride another bus does not guarantee a spot on the requested bus, due to capacity