

**Parents/Guardians:**

**Please review this form and have a discussion with your child/children prior to signing this form.**

**USD 320 BUS RIDERSHIP CONTRACT**

Bus discipline is an important safety-related issue. ALL school rules apply while riding the bus. State law allows school districts to suspend the right of pupils to ride on a school bus when said students fail to conform to the reasonable rules and regulations. Students who receive a discipline report will be given a disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may include suspension from the bus, as well from school. If a student has been suspended from riding the bus, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to transport the student to and from school during the days the suspension is in effect.

**RULES FOR SAFE TRANSPORTATION**

Students transported by school bus shall be under the authority of the bus driver. Disorderly conduct, including abusive language, or refusal to submit to the authority of the driver, shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.

1. All of the bus driver's directions must be followed.
2. All school rules apply to the bus
3. Students must follow set procedures for getting on and off the bus.
4. Students **are expected** to sit properly in their seat.
  - a. Keep feet out of the aisle.
  - b. Face forward.
  - c. No standing while the bus is moving.
  - d. Not throw items out the window.
  - e. No eating or drinking on the bus.
5. Taunting and teasing of others-students or the bus driver **will not be tolerated**. (Harassment/bullying is against the law.)
6. Keep hands to yourself.
7. Behaviors that make the bus ride unsafe or unpleasant for other students or the driver are not allowed.

**TYPICAL CONSEQUENCES FOR NEGATIVE BUS BEHAVIOR**

(Depending on the age of the student and the severity of the incident)

1. Bus driver response to behavior
2. Bus Conduct Report filled out sent to appropriate school Administrator and parent/guardian contacted.
3. Same as #2 plus 1 – 3 days suspension
4. Same as #2 plus 3 – 5 days suspension
5. Same as #2 plus 5 – 10 day suspension
6. Same as #2 plus 15 day suspension
7. Same as #2 plus 45 day suspension
8. Same as #2 plus rest of school year suspension

**My child and I have read the Bus Ridership Contract and understand it is my child's responsibility to maintain appropriate bus behavior or he/she may lose the privilege of riding the bus**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_