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BUS RULES and EXPECTATIONS

The beginning of the school year is a great time to review the expectations for riding a school bus. The safety of our students is of utmost importance. Please discuss the following bus rules with your child:

For Pre-K and Kindergarten Students: A parent must be present at the bus stop for the student to be dropped off. If a parent is not present, the student will be driven back to the school.

Show respect and obey the driver at all times. Do not distract the driver while he/she is driving. The bus driver must be able to focus on driving, not discipline problems.

The driver will hold up four fingers to gain the attention of the students. This is the signal we use to get SILENT and show our 4 signs of respect. **This signal means all students need to hold up their hand and get SILENT.** Their eyes should be on the speaker, mouths closed, body facing forward, and ears listening.

At the bus stop, stay out of the street and be respectful of the property around the bus stop. *(Arrive at the bus stop 5 minutes before the bus arrives so that the bus does not have to wait.)*

Always walk when getting on and off the bus; no pushing or crowding.

Go to your assigned seat quickly and quietly. You must sit in the seat your bus driver assigns.

Take off your backpack and hold it on your lap. This helps make more room on the seat.

Stay in the assigned seat and stay seated at all times. Back to back of seat, bottom to the bottom of seat, feet on the floor, and facing forward at all times.

Talk only to your elbow partner, which is the person sitting in the **same seat** with you only.

Talk quietly (whisper/inside voice) to your elbow partner **without yelling or using bad language.**

Keep your hands to yourself. No fighting or horseplay.

Keep food and drinks in the book bag. Do not eat or drink on the bus.

Cell phones should be turned off and in your backpack. *You are not allowed to have cell phones out on a bus.*

Keep the bus clean and pick up any dropped trash.

Do not damage the bus or tamper with equipment or the emergency door.

Ride only the bus to which you are assigned. Get on/off the bus only at your assigned stop.

Parents, please supervise students at bus stops as appropriate based on age.

Parents, address bus issues through your school office or Transportation Department. *(Parents may not board buses or discuss issues with the drivers during the route.)*

If your child does not follow the above bus rules, disciplinary action may be taken, up to and including removal from the bus as outlined in the Georgia State Law below:

Rule 13 of the Student Behavior Code Policy JCDA-R

BUS CONDUCT

The school bus is an extension of the classroom. Problems on school buses will be handled in the same manner as other school disciplinary problems. Students will be informed of specific rules, regulations, and consequences. Rules for bus behavior include, but are not limited to, the driver's instructions must be obeyed at all times; fighting is not permitted; weapons are not allowed; appropriate language must be used; possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs is prohibited; and students must remain seated when the bus is in motion.

When handling inappropriate bus behavior, a school administrator will discuss the behavior with the student, determine consequences of misbehavior, and talk to parents about the student's behavior. Penalties for inappropriate behavior will be determined according to the **frequency and severity** of the violation(s). When behavior is habitual or a major violation, the student may be suspended from the bus for an indefinite period. See Rule 13 in the Student Behavior Code.

As always, thank you so much for your support and working together (home, school, and community) as we all try to make the bus ride a pleasant and safe experience!

Sincerely,

Mark Lang, Principal

Danielle Pocernik, Teaching and Learning Specialist

Please sign and return the following page to your child's homeroom teacher letting us know that you and your child have reviewed the Bus Rules.

2023 - 2024 Bus Rules and Expectations

Please return this completed page to your child's homeroom teacher with the beginning of year forms.

Child's

Name _____

Morning Bus Number: _____

Afternoon Bus Number: _____

Grade Level: _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Questions or Concerns: