



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our Goal: Is to guarantee that your child and the other children riding the school bus, have the safe transportation they deserve during this school year. STA has adopted the following Progressive Discipline Plan to address student misconduct while on the school bus. This plan is comprised of both expectations and consequences.

Our Philosophy: We believe that all students can behave appropriately and safely while riding on the school bus. We will not condone or tolerate student behavior(s) that are either disruptive or distract our drivers from the safe operation of the school bus. Student behavior(s) that endanger the health, safety or welfare of the driver, monitor, faculty, students or the general public while on the school bus will also be subject to this plan.

Rules of this plan are detailed on the reverse side of the back page.

Detailed consequences for those students who choose to violate the rules are clearly listed. Please note that a riding suspension or loss of student transportation privileges may be included with the third and fourth Misconduct Notices. Should any misconduct be extreme in nature to endanger the safe transportation of all students, steps listed on the reverse side may be bypassed, resulting in immediate suspension and loss of all riding privileges.

Please discuss the transportation expectations with your student(s) to be sure it is clearly understood. Thank you in advance for your support of our program.

Sincerely,

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I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J GOVERNING STUDENTS TRANSPORTED ON SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CONTRACTOR OWNED SCHOOL BUSES.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Cell #: _____

Student(s) Full Name(s): _____ SCHOOL(S): _____

GRADE(S): _____

ROUTE #: _____

This must be signed by parent/guardian and returned to the bus driver within THREE (3) days. Failure to return this form within the 3 days will result in a Misconduct Notice for your student. Any false information may result in loss of transportation privileges.

RETURN WHITE SHEET IN ITS ENTIRETY TO THE BUS DRIVER

INELIGIBLE STUDENTS WILL BE REMOVED FROM TRANSPORTATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING STUDENTS ON THE CONTRACTOR'S (STA) SCHOOL BUSES FOR MONTROSE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

PREVIOUS TO LOADING:

1. Students need to be at their designated bus stop 5 minutes prior to their pick-up time to ensure the bus adhering to the schedule.
2. Use caution when approaching the bus stop.
3. **Stay off the roadway at all times** while waiting for the bus.
4. Bus riders should conduct themselves in a safe manner (no pushing, shoving or horse play) while waiting for the bus.
5. **Stay off all private property** at or near the designated bus stops.
6. Wait until the bus comes to a COMPLETE STOP before attempting to get on the bus.
7. For safety reasons the bus will not stop to board students once the bus has started to move. Busses are scheduled to depart 7 minutes after school is dismissed.

WHILE ON THE BUS:

1. The DRIVER oversees the bus and students.
2. Students must obey the driver's instructions promptly and explicitly.
3. NO "horse play" is permitted in or around the bus.
4. Classroom conduct is always expected *while riding the bus*.
5. Students must always remain seated while bus is in motion.
6. Students must not extend arms or heads out of the bus windows. Students must not throw objects of any kind from the bus.
7. No objects larger than can be held comfortably on the student's lap may be transported on Regular Route buses. Includes musical instruments and sports equipment. **NO SKATEBOARDS, ROLLER BLADES OR SCOOTERS.**
8. Glass, heavy metal objects, animals, birds, reptiles and insects are prohibited.
9. **NO EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS AT ANY TIME.** Water bottles are acceptable.
10. Damage to the bus must be paid for by the student.
11. Cell phone use is limited to texting or listening to music with ear buds only. **Taking photos or watching video is prohibited.**
12. Inappropriate language or comments directed at the driver will result in 5-day suspension.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRIPS:

1. All bus rules and regulations apply to any trip under school sponsorship.
2. Students shall follow the directions of a competent chaperone appointed by the school and the driver.
3. Students suspended from home to school transportation are also suspended from extra-curricular trips.

AFTER LEAVING THE BUS:

1. Cross the road only when necessary at least 10 feet in FRONT of the bus. Cross only AFTER the driver gives the OK signal. Make sure traffic is stopped in either direction.
2. Look after the safety of small children.
3. Be alert to **any danger signal** from the driver.
4. The driver WILL NOT discharge students at places other than the regular bus stop or at school without prior written and approved consent by both the parent/guardian and the school.

MISCONDUCT NOTICES:

FIRST NOTICE: Students must return all required copies to the driver with parent / guardian signature before the student will be permitted to ride the bus.

SECOND NOTICE: A referral will be made to the school administration. The Parent / Guardian must contact STA at 970.249.0919 in addition to signing and return of the notice.

THIRD NOTICE: A referral will be made to the school administration. Student may be suspended from bus transportation for up to 5 (five) school days as determined by school administration and STA official. Parent/guardian may be required to meet with school administration and STA official prior to student resuming bus transportation.

FOURTH NOTICE: A referral will be made to the school administration. The student may be suspended from school bus transportation for an extended period or removed from the bus for the remainder of the year, as determined by school administration and STA official. At the end the suspension, parent/guardian, school administration and STA official will meet prior to resuming transportation to ensure a seamless transition back.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED AN AUTOMATIC THIRD NOTICE:

1. Use or possession of any and all tobacco products, vape pens, drugs or alcohol.
2. The use or possession of matches, lighters and flammables, including colognes, deodorants and any pressurized cans.
3. The use or possession of lasers/pointers in or around school busses.
4. Throwing items in or out of bus.

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE CONSIDERED AN AUTOMATIC FOURTH SLIP:

1. Fighting (Includes assault). The sheriff/police may be notified, and charges may be filed with the District Attorney.
2. Exiting through an Emergency Exit Door *without* authorization.

THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE MAY RESULT IN A MINIMUM OF ONE CALENDAR YEAR SUSPENSION OF ALL BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES. INCLUDES EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRIPS

Possession or use of any and all explosive devices, and/or the possession of any dangerous weapons. Sexual Misconduct

AUTOMATIC ADVANCES IN MISCONDUCT NOTICES MAY BE GIVEN BY CONTRACTOR AND / OR SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR ANY MISCONDUCT, MISBEHAVIOR OR ANY DANGEROUS OFFENSE.