

# **BUS CONTRACT**

## **TO BE READ & SIGNED BY PARENTS AND STUDENTS PRIOR TO RIDING THE BUS.**

We would like to welcome you to Burke Basic Elementary School. Our number one concern is the safety of all our students on our buses. In order for this to be accomplished we need the following help. Before I was a bus driver, I found it easy to blame the bus driver for the problems that would arise with my own children that rode the bus. Since then, as a driver, I see the other side of the problems that can arise. The students must follow the rules. As a driver, you are concentrating on the traffic around you, and any other hazards that may come up, while controlling 20 to 80 students on the bus. Some of our buses have high back seats for safety. Because of this we have a hard time seeing all the students because of their size. Please understand we are doing our best for safety sake.

Parents we need your help in enforcing the rules on the bus. If the children see that the bus rules are important to the parents, then, the bus rules will be obeyed by their child.

**Please go over these rules with your child.**

### **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

- Absolutely **no eating** food, candy, gum or any drink except bottled water.
- No foul or inappropriate language from anyone.
- Students must stay seated in their assigned seat, and out of the aisle, at all times until your bus stop.
- Do not throw paper or trash on the floor. Spit balls will not be tolerated. Keep the bus clean.
- Do not yell or throw anything out the window, or stick any part of your body out the window.
- No CD players, walkmans, radios, game machines, MP3 players, ETC.
- Use indoor voices, No yelling or screaming.
- Follow all school rules on the bus.
- No negative physical contact. Fighting will not be tolerated! May result in an immediate suspension.

### **PARENTS EXPECTATIONS**

- Use appropriate language if you need to discuss concerns with the drivers.
- **NO SMOKING** near the bus!
- Do not step onto the bus at any time unless for a field trip with a teacher present.
- Be at the bus stop 10 min. early for pick up and drop off.
- **NEVER** approach another person's child! Report issues to the driver or transportation director.
- If any problems should arise, Please notify the driver or the transportation office.
- Please know your child's bus number, route number and drivers name.

If the rules are not followed the student may have a conduct report written up by the driver. The 1<sup>st</sup> write up will be sent home with the student to be read and discussed with their parent/ guardian then signed by both and returned to the bus driver. The 2<sup>nd</sup> is the same process plus a call home by the driver. The 3<sup>rd</sup> is a call home by the Transportation Director & a 2 day suspension off the bus. The 4<sup>th</sup> is a mandatory meeting with the principle, parents & child with a 5 day suspension off the bus. The 5<sup>th</sup> is a phone call from the Transportation Director and removal from the bus services for the rest of the school year. Remember that the rules are for safety, and the safety of all students will come first! Riding the bus is a privilege and should be a good experience for all those involved!

Children learn by our example. The staff and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner.

**Thank you for your support!**

*Burke Basic Transportation Department*

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