

Parents:

Please review this form and have a discussion with your child prior to returning the signed form. These forms must be returned to your child’s teacher within the first week of school.

SAU 24 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 as from school. As provided by state law, any bus suspensions to continue beyond 20 school days must be approved by the School Board (NH RSA 189:9-a). 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, who is delegated by the School Board. 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. Follow all of the bus driver’s directions.
2. All school rules apply to the bus.
3. Students must follow set procedures for getting on and off the bus.
4. Sit properly in your seat.
 - a. Feet not in aisle.
 - b. Facing forward.
 - c. No standing up while the bus is moving.
 - d. Nothing out the window.
5. No eating or drinking on the bus.
6. Taunting and teasing of others-students or the bus driver- will not be tolerated. (Harassment/ bullying is against the law.)
7. Keep your hands to yourself.
8. Behavior that makes the bus ride unsafe or unpleasant for students or the driver is 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. School disciplinary action and parent contact.
3. 1-3 day bus suspension.
4. 3-5 day bus suspension.
5. 5-10 day bus suspension and a meeting with child, parent, and administration.
6. 10-20 day bus suspension and a meeting with the child, parent, and superintendent.
7. 20+ day bus suspension to be determined by the School Board.

My child and I have read the Bus Ridership Contract and understand it is my child’s responsibility to maintain appropriate bus behavior or they may lose the privilege of riding the bus.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____