

Bus # \_\_\_\_\_

A.M.

P.M.

Both

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_



### Cleveland City Schools Elementary Student Bus Contract 2014-2015



The top priority of the Transportation Department of Cleveland City Schools is the safety of your children. In order to provide the safest and most efficient transportation, we need your cooperation to see that students understand the importance of and follow bus safety rules. Please review the safety rules with your child and become a partner with us by signing the behavior contract so that we will all have a clear understanding of the expectations of the Transportation Department. Education is your right, transportation is a privilege, don't abuse it. Tennessee State Board of Education States: "A pupil shall become ineligible for pupil transportation when his behavior is such as to cause dissension on a school bus, or when he disobeys State and Local Rules and Regulations pertaining to pupil transportation." **This contract must be returned to your teacher within two weeks in order for your student to continue to receive transportation services.** And remember, always practice safety.

1. While riding the bus students are under the complete supervision of the driver/monitor and shall obey the driver's first request.
2. Students will have seats assigned by the driver/monitor. Walk to your assigned seat in an orderly manner and remain seated for the entire ride.
3. Drugs, tobacco products, weapons, knives, sharp objects, or pets are not allowed on the bus.
4. Keep the bus clean. No eating, drinking, or littering on the bus.
5. Use a quiet voice. Do not speak loudly or shout, throw objects, use profane language, or fight. For everyone's safety, do not distract the driver through misbehavior.
6. Keep aisles clear and keep hands and arms to yourself and inside the bus. Students should not make gestures or shout to anyone inside or outside of the bus.
7. Respect the property of others. Do not take or damage what is not yours. Students or their parents will be expected to pay for any damages they cause. Students may be suspended from riding the bus until payment has been made.
8. Students shall not ask the driver to let them off the bus at any other location except at their regular stop unless there is prior written permission of the parents and principal.
9. Students must not tamper with any safety devices such as emergency exits, fire extinguishers, radios, etc. The use of any camera, video or recording devices is prohibited.

**Minor Offenses:**

Eating/drinking on bus  
 Failure to remain seated  
 Improper boarding/departing  
 Loud, rude or abusive behavior  
 Profane language or obscene gestures  
 Pushing or tripping; Hanging out of window  
 Horseplay; Throwing objects (minor at driver's discretion)  
 Other conduct prejudicial to good order or discipline or effects the safe operation of the school bus

**Disciplinary Action for Minor Offenses:**

First Referral — Written Warning to be taken to parent by student.  
 Second Referral — Letter to Parent to be taken to parent by student and returned to the driver signed by the parent.  
 Third Referral — 3-day Bus Suspension and Conference with Parent(s).  
 Fourth Referral — Suspension of riding privileges for ten (10) days, in addition to parent conference.  
 Fifth Referral — Suspension of riding privileges for the remainder of the year.

**Major Offenses:**

Possession of articles of an injurious or objectionable nature  
 Possession/use of tobacco  
 Bullying or threats; Fighting  
 Refusing to obey driver  
 Profane language/cursing directed at the bus driver  
 Tampering with bus equipment or destruction of property  
 Unapproved use of emergency exits on bus  
 Throwing objects (major at bus driver's discretion)

**Disciplinary Action for Major Offenses:**

First Offense — 5-day suspension and parent conference.  
 Second Offense — 10-day suspension and parent conference.  
 Third Offense — Suspension of riding privileges for remainder of the year.

I will follow the safety rules listed above and cooperate with the bus driver/monitor while riding a Cleveland City School bus this year.

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Student Name In School File

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have discussed the safety rules listed above with my son/daughter and expect my child to assist in bus safety by following the rules.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Stop Location \_\_\_\_\_