



## EASTERN CARVER COUNTY SCHOOLS BUS RIDERSHIP AGREEMENT

I understand that riding a District 112 school bus is a privilege as well as part of the school day. In order to be sure that I and other students on the bus have a safe and comfortable ride I will abide by the Bus Safety Expectations and Responsibilities as outlined below.

### **Bus Safety & Student Conduct Expectations**

1. The bus driver is the responsible authority on the bus.
2. Students will board and leave the buses only at specifically designated stops.
3. Students will remain at a safe distance from the bus when buses are arriving or departing from their stops.
4. Pick-up times are established, and students will be waiting 5 minutes before pick up time at designated stops.
5. Students will go directly to their seats. Students will stay seated when the bus is moving.
6. Backpacks, musical instruments, and other large items must be handled by students in such a way as to not come into contact with other students or obstruct the aisles.
7. For safety and cleanliness, gum, food, and drink are prohibited.
8. Only authorized students may ride the buses. Non-regular riders must secure written permission to ride a specific bus.
9. Drivers will assign seats to all elementary students and may assign seats to middle school or high school students when necessary. Students will remain seated at all times. Drivers and administrators may make specific seat assignments.
10. When crossing a road, whether boarding or leaving a bus, students will walk in front of the bus after the driver signals that it is safe to cross.
11. Students will not engage in noisy or boisterous conduct which might distract the driver.
12. Students will not use profane or indecent language.

### **Student Behavior Responsibilities**

1. Students will not tamper with emergency doors or safety devices.
2. Students will not throw, shoot, or spit objects out of, inside, or at the bus.
3. Students will not damage or deface the buses in any manner.
4. Students will not possess or use alcohol, tobacco, or any other type of illicit substance on the bus.
5. Students will not transport dangerous, objectionable, or offensive items on the bus. Transportation of animals is prohibited.
6. Students will not fight, push, shove, or engage in any other type of physically aggressive behavior on the bus.
7. Students will not engage in noisy or boisterous conduct which may distract the driver.
8. Students will not use profane or indecent language.
9. Students will not harass others physically, racially, religiously, sexually, or in any other manner.

**A student who violates either the Bus Safety & Student Conduct Expectations or the Student Behavior Responsibilities will be assigned appropriate consequences by the School Bus Driver and School Principal.**

### **Consequences for Student Misbehavior\***

Consequences will be assigned to students who misbehave in order to provide an opportunity for them to learn to behave appropriately. Students are expected to learn quickly because the school bus is a safety sensitive environment and their actions can affect the safety of others. Students who repeatedly misbehave will be assigned consequences which are progressively more severe. Students will immediately be assigned the most severe consequence when their behavior is seriously harmful or destructive. The most severe consequence is the loss of the privilege to ride the bus.

Parent/Guardians are both initially and finally responsible for transporting their children to and from school unless those children demonstrate safe and responsible behavior on and around the school bus. All parent/guardians are asked to work cooperatively with school and bus company officials to ensure that their children behave safely and responsibly. Your participation and support is critical for teaching students the basic skills which will help them navigate safely in the real world.

**Minimum Consequences:** Misbehaviors which are minor will result first in a warning, and then in the progressive assignment of no more than (5) five consequences. On the fifth consequence the student loses his/her privilege to ride the bus for the remainder of the year.

**Maximum Consequences:** Misbehaviors which are major will result in immediate loss of the privilege to ride the bus.

***I have read the above information and/or it has been discussed with me in class and I understand that I am responsible for my actions while on the bus***

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

***I have read the above information and have discussed it with my child.***

**Parent Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE)

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: A signed copy of this form must be kept on file at the school office in order for your child to ride the bus.**

