



Bus Rider Behavior Contract

2021-2022 School Year

Dear Parents and Students:

It is important for all bus riders to and from the Ambition Prep campus to accept and acknowledge that transportation services are a privilege which will continue only if behavior on the school bus is reasonable and safe. While our mission is to get our Ambition Prep scholars to and through college, our number one priority is to protect the safety, interests, and the rights of all scholars. We take this priority extremely seriously. Scholars who choose to engage in unacceptable behaviors on the school bus create an unacceptable risk for themselves as well as other students, the bus driver, the motoring public, and pedestrians. The bus driver, working with the assigned bus monitor, is responsible for the safety and discipline of bus riders. The school leaders and the bus monitor will be available to assist the bus driver to maintain discipline and good order on bus routes through the use of appropriate discipline measures which will include the suspension or permanent removal of bus privileges.

Please review this behavior contract with your child (children) before signing. Safe and healthy children are the starting point to prepare them to go to and through college.

BUS RULES



- Observe the same conduct rules as you would in the classroom while riding a school bus.
- Be at your bus stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival time for the bus.
- Do not engage in inappropriate or disruptive behavior at your bus stop.
- Do not rush the bus upon its arrival at the stop.
- Use appropriate language and be courteous to your bus driver and other passengers.
- Do not eat or drink while on the bus.
- Do not throw objects out of a window or litter on the bus.
- Sit in your assigned seat and remain seated at all times until you are at your final destination.
- Obey the directives of the bus driver and the bus monitor if one is assigned to your route.
- Keep your hands, feet, and head inside the bus at all times.
- Inappropriate gestures or comments to motorists or others outside of the school bus are not tolerated.
- Ride only your assigned bus to your assigned stop unless you have written permission from both your parent or guardian and your school leader to do otherwise.
- **Simply put, SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE RIDE.**

SCHOOL BUS OFFENSES

Class I Offenses	Class II Offenses
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spitting 2. Excessive Noise 3. Horseplay/Mischief 4. Leaving seat/standing without permission of the driver 5. Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, inappropriate gestures or possession of inappropriate materials 6. Refusing to properly identify yourself to the bus driver 7. Disobedience or disrespect to the bus driver or bus monitor 8. Inappropriate or disruptive behavior at a bus stop 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hanging out of windows with any part of the body 2. Throwing any object in or out of the bus 3. Bullying, threatening, or harassment of any person on the bus 4. Profanity or threats toward the bus driver or bus monitor 5. Possession or use of tobacco 6. Vandalism to the bus or any bus related equipment (restitution will be required as well) 7. Pushing, shoving, or rushing the bus at a bus stop 8. Lighting matches, lighters, or any other flammable object or substance 9. Unauthorized entering or leaving the bus through an emergency exit or window 10. Possession or use of a laser pen or pointer that distracts the driver 11. Riding an unassigned bus or using an unassigned bus stop 12. Eating/Drinking/Littering the bus

Class III Offenses

Other offenses and behaviors (including but not limited to fighting, possession or use of a weapon, possession of illegal substances) which seriously jeopardize the safety of the student, other students, the bus driver, the motoring public, or pedestrians

CONSEQUENCES FOR SCHOOL BUS OFFENSES

Offense Level	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense	4 th Offense
Class I	Written warning & student apology	1 – 3 day bus suspension, student apology, & required parent conference	5 day bus suspension, student apology, & required parent conference	Up to one year's loss of Bus Privileges
Class II	1 – 3 day bus suspension, student apology, & required parent conference	3 – 5 day bus suspension, student apology, & required parent conference	Up to one year's loss of Bus Privileges	
Class III	Up to and including Permanent Loss of Bus Privileges			

I _____ (print student's name) understand that I have a responsibility to help protect the safety, interests, and rights of all of my classmates. I am responsible for my behavior on the school bus, and unacceptable behavior by me will result in discipline measures which will include the suspension or permanent loss of my bus privileges. I agree to abide by the bus rules as set forth in this contract.

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

I _____ (print parent's name) understand the bus rules and expectations for my child with regard to bus behavior. I understand that such rules are needed and will be enforced for the safety of my child as well as others.

_____ Parent Signature

_____ Date