2020-2021 New Rules for Bus Riders

We will have assigned seating in every bus this year. The bus driver will be in charge of making a seating arrangement. If there are multiple children in the same house hold they will be seated together. Each student will get a temperature check before entering the bus every morning. If your child has an elevated temperature they will not be allowed to ride the bus. Masks are highly recommended for all students.

Tendremos asientos asignados en cada autobús este año. El conductor del autobús se encargará de organizar los asientos. Si hay varios niños en la misma casa, se sentarán juntos. Cada estudiante tendrá su temperatura revisada antes de abordar al autobús todas las mañanas. Si su hijo tiene una temperatura elevada, no se les permitirá viajar en el autobús. Las máscaras son muy recomendables para todos los estudiantes.



To all parents of bus riders,

For safety and accountability, USD 480 will be implementing student identification cards to be utilized on USD 480 buses. Each Student passenger will be issued a card to scan when entering and exiting the bus to and from school. Each student will be responsible for their card and the card will be required to ride the bus every day. If a student's ID card is lost or misplaced it is the students or parent's responsibility to contact the bus driver to get a replacement card. Failure to get a replacement card will result in a loss of bus riding privileges until a new card is requested and issued. The first replacement card will be issued at no cost, any card replaced after that will cost \$10.00. If you have questions, please contact the USD 480 Transportation office at 620-604-1092.

Signature	Date
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- 3. Remain off the roadway until the bus pulls away.
- 4. If your child checks the mailbox, they should wait until the bus pulls away before checking the box.
- 5. NEVER return to the bus for any reason after unloading.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

Students are only permitted three (3) behavior violations per semester while riding the bus.

1ST VIOLATION—Warning (write up)

2ND VIOLATION—Will result in automatic suspension of bus riding privileges for one (1) week/five (5) days.

3RD VIOLATION—Will result in suspension of the bus privileges for the remainder of the semester.

ANY AND ALL STEPS MAY BE EXCLUDED DEPENDING UPON THE SERVERITY OF THE INFRACTION!

BEHAVIOR WHICH MAY ENDANGER THE SAFETY OF OTHERS MAY RESULT IN TEMPORARY OR

PERMANENT SUSPENSION OF BUS RIDING PRIVILEGES!!

SPECIAL CLAUSE FOR SPECIAL NEED STUDENTS

As a door to door stop you are required to be home during drop off period which consists of a 15 minute window. Failure to do so will result in child being brought to the Bus Barn and authorities will be notified. Three (3) failures to be home will result in loss of rider privileges for the remainder of the semester and new riders form will be mandatory to begin riding again.

(Print P	arent Name)	
child		agrees to follow all rules or be removed from bus route
	(Print Child Name)	
ts' Signature		(Transportation Dept. Staff)

STUDENT RULES OF CONDUCT FOR BUS RIDERS

Prior To Loading:

- 1. Students must be on time! Due to inclement weather, traffic, and other factors exact times may vary slightly. Please make sure your students are at their assigned stop 5 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time. Buses will not wait past that time for tardy students.
- 2. Students shall conduct themselves in a safe manner while walking to their assigned bus stop. Walk on the far left-hand side of the road facing traffic when going to the bus stop. Never stand in roadway. Stand single file in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus. When the bus arrives, wait until it comes to a complete stop and red safety lights are flashing before attempting to board the bus. If you must cross the road, wait until the bus driver signals you to cross. Check traffic in both directions before proceeding. Only cross in front of the bus. If possible the bus will stop ten feet away from the closest students.

While on the Bus:

- 1. Obey the driver/aide promptly and courteously.
- 2. In the interest of safety, only low conversational volume levels are acceptable. No profane language or obscene gestures. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited while the bus is moving.
- 3. Harassment, Intimidation, and BULLYING IN ANY FORM IS NOT ALLOWED.
- 4. When boarding the bus, go quickly and quietly to assigned seat; face forward in the seat at all times. Keep aisles and exits clear.
- 5. Keep arms, head, and all parts of the body inside the bus at all times.
- 6. Students are expected to assist in keeping the bus clean and free from trash.
- 7. Treat bus equipment with respect. Damages to seats, ect., must be paid for by the offenders to continue riding privileges. Any damage to bus is to be reported immediately to the driver.
- 8. Students shall not tamper with the controls or equipment on the bus.
- 9. Students shall not pass or throw objects while on the bus. This includes in or out of windows.
- 10. Any belongings brought onto the bus must be taken to their seat and kept out of the aisle. If these items are too large for the student to hold, it deprives another student of their seat, or is higher than the seat level, then the student must make other arrangements for their transportation.
- 11. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- 12. Absolute silence is necessary at railroad crossings. Drivers may ask for silence from passengers when they are faced with adverse driving conditions such as snow and ice.
- 13. No glass containers, animals, pets, or weapons are allowed on the bus.
- 14. Students shall not carry or use tobacco products, alcohol drugs, or any other control substances on the bus. Energy enhancing sprays are also not allowed.
- 15. Students shall not carry hazardous material, nuisance items such as personal electronics (ie.; iPods, MP3 players, Hand held games, ect.), toys, flashlights, lasers, or mirrors on the bus. Cell phones must be turned off. School bags with wheels must be carried on and around the bus.
- 16. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum while on the bus is an unsafe practice which may cause choking and therefore not allowed. The **ONLY** exception is water in plastic container with a lid.
- 17. Students shall not board or exit the bus at locations other than their assigned stops.
- 18. Windows will be opened only half way for the safety of all passengers and will only be opened by transportation personnel.

After Unloading the Bus:

- 1. Never cross the street behind the bus. If you must cross the street after unloading, walk along the side of the road in front of the bus until you can see the driver's face.
- 2. Wait until the driver signals you to cross. Then walk checking traffic in both directions before crossing.

BUS DRIVERS WILL NOTIFY PARENTS PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIME AT EACH BUS STOP.

USD 480 TRANSPORTATION

RULES AND CONDITIONS

(620) 604-1092

DESIGNATED PERMANENT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ADDRESSES

Sped Students:

Students must have a designated pick-up and drop-off addresses that are consistent daily. The pick-up and drop-off addresses may be different from each other, but must remain constant. These addresses shall be declared during enrollment. A permanent change may be made to a student's pick-up and drop-off address by going to the school and submitting a change of address, at least **three** (3) **days in advance of the change**. No changes regarding pick-up or drop-off will be accepted over the phone. **Only two (2) address changes are allowed per school year.**

Bus Stops:

Preschool students will have an assigned bus stop where parents will drop off and pick up their student. Parents/Guardians will be issued a colored card with the students name. The card must be presented to get their student off of the bus. Parents will be notified prior to the start of the school year about bus stop locations and times for picking up and dropping off students. Students who live within one mile of Bright Start Early Learning Center will not qualify for transportation.

Students are not allowed to board or exit the bus at locations other than their assigned stops. Never attempt to "flag down the bus" when it is on route. Students cannot be released along the route. This is a hazardous practice for the student, bus, and other traffic. Similarly, do not attempt to "catch the bus" at another stop. It is extremely unsafe for a student to approach the bus from the back or side of the bus. If your student missed the bus in the morning, take the child to school. If a student is to be picked up at the school or has permission to walk, direct the student not to get on the bus. Once a student gets on the bus, they will be released only upon approval of the school administrator.

Time on the bus is part of the school day; the rules of conduct which apply to the classroom also apply to the school bus. For this reason the school principal has the responsibility of working with the student in matters pertaining to student behavior on the bus.