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Dear Parents:

It is our desire to have good behavior on all of our school buses to ensure safe travel. To accomplish this goal, an administrative policy has been adopted which outlines student behavior and recommends disciplinary actions for students who fail to cooperate. First and foremost, the safety of all pupils is our prime concern. Every pupil is entitled to a safe ride to and from school.

The California State Law reads as follows:

Regulations and Laws Relating to Pupil Transportation in California: Section 14263: AUTHORITY OF DRIVER. Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation in accordance with the regulations of the governing board of the district. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations.

Parents are asked to discuss the following with their children:

1. Follow the directions of the bus driver the first time asked.
2. Refrain from loud, noisy, boisterous conduct.
3. Do not throw anything in or from the bus.
4. Be courteous; Do not use profane language.
5. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
6. Do not chew gum on the bus.
7. Keep the bus clean. Do not litter.
8. Remain properly seated in your seat.
9. Keep your head, hands, and feet inside the bus and to yourself.
10. Appropriate behavior at the bus stop.
11. Do not be rude or disrespectful to the bus driver or any other person on the bus.
12. The only electronic devices allowed on the bus are cell phones.

The bus driver will issue a ticket whenever a student's behavior has become unacceptable. The principal will notify parents and take action according to the following guidelines:

- **1st offense:** Warning Notify Parents. A warning ticket will be issued by the bus driver, with a copy to the school office.
- **2nd offense:** A bus ticket will be issued by the principal and bus driver, and parents will be notified. 3 days suspension from the bus by the principal.
- **3rd offense:** Bus ticket will be issued by the principal and bus driver. Mandatory conference with the student, parent, bus driver, and principal before transportation will resume. 5 days suspension from the bus by the principal.
- **4th offense:** Bus ticket will be issued by the principal and bus driver. Mandatory conference with the student, parent, bus driver, and principal before transportation will resume. 10 days suspension from the bus by the principal.
- **5th offense:** Bus ticket will be issued by the principal and bus driver, and parents will be notified. 15 days suspension from the bus by the principal.
- **6th offense:** 20 days suspension from the bus by the principal. Administrative review by the superintendent or his designee.

The principal and the driver shall meet with the parent and child to determine what disciplinary action shall be taken. Disciplinary action may include suspension from bus riding privileges for the remainder of the school year. Serious Offense-1st occasion-If in the judgment of the bus driver and principal, a student commits a serious offense on the first occasion, the bus driver may recommend immediate suspension. A serious offense is considered to be one where the safety and welfare of other students are in jeopardy. or property damage has resulted. "Suspension from the bus" means suspension from all buses.