

# Aberdeen School District 6-1

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To: Fee Busing Participants  
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RE: Fee Busing

Once again the Aberdeen School District will be offering fee busing. Student(s) requesting fee bus service must:

1. Reside more than 2.5 miles and less than 5.0 miles from their attendance center.
2. Must be on an established route.

Student(s) granted an in-district transfer are not eligible for busing.

If your child(ren) will be riding the bus during the school year, please complete and return the enclosed form.

The busing fees and payment options for the school year will be as follows:

<b>Status</b>	<b>Semester Payments</b>	<b>Annual Payment</b>
Regular		
Both to and from school	90.00 per student	180.00 per student
One way	45.00 per student	90.00 per student
Maximum	180.00 per family	360.00 per family
Reduced Lunch		
Both to and from school	67.50 per student	135.00 per student
One way	33.75 per student	67.50 per student
Maximum	135.00 per family	270.00 per family
Free Lunch		
Both to and from school	45.00 per student	90.00 per student
One way	22.50 per student	45.00 per student
Maximum	90.00 per family	180.00 per family

First-semester and/or annual payments must be made no later than August 20th. Second-semester payments must be made no later than December 23rd. Please make checks payable to Aberdeen School District. Mail to 1224 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Aberdeen, SD 57401.

If you have any questions, please call 725-7103.

Enclosures

## School Bus Rules for Pupils

1. The following rules have been adopted in the interest of student safety.
  2. While riding in district-provided transportation, students are expected to display courteous behavior and obedience to rules.
  3. Students who are waiting for, entering, or leaving bus pickup areas are expected to act in a responsible manner so as not to infringe on the rights of others.
  4. The driver is in full charge of the pupils and the bus.
  5. If seats are assigned, pupils must occupy the seat assigned to them. Once seated, a student must retain that seat for the term of the ride.
  6. The same courteous conduct as is expected in the classroom must be observed while on the bus. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Loud and vulgar language is not permitted.
  7. Pupils must not, at any time, put hands, arms, or heads out of the bus windows.
  8. Pupils must await the signal from the driver to cross a road or highway, then cross promptly. The crossing should be made approximately 10 feet in front of the bus, in full view of the driver.
  9. Pupils are to refrain from other disruptions. Disruptions reported by the bus driver and approved by the school principal will be deemed a violation.
  10. Please inform the driver if your child has a health problem, such as diabetes, epilepsy, etc., that you feel he/she should be aware of.
  11. Students who change to a different route for one or more days must present to the driver a note signed by a parent/guardian detailing the reason for the change.
  12. Failure to observe the above rules as determined by the principal may necessitate the following action:
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Violation – Warning from the bus driver and a written report to the school principal to be presented to the parent/guardian.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation – Suspension of bus privileges for five school days.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Violation – Suspension of bus service for ten school days. Continued violations could result in further ten day suspensions or suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.
- Note: the penalty for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> violations may be increased if, in the judgment of the driver and principal, the infraction is of a serious nature (i.e.: Fighting, possession of lighters, possession of weapons, etc.)
13. In cases of suspension, the action will not be in effect for the same day and will not be invoked until the parent/guardian is notified and provisions are made for the student to return home.
  14. In any case of suspension, when the student or the parent/guardian requests a review, the Director of Transportation may conduct a review.
  15. The request for a review is made by the parent/guardian to the principal or assistant principal of the child's school.
  16. A review consists of an examination of the facts as presented in the written documentation and discussed with one or more parties to the issue. The Director of Transportation may then enter a finding and establish orders with respect to the dispensation of the case.
  17. If the parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the outcome of the review in #16, he/she/they may request an informal review conference in the presence of the Director of Transportation's Review Conference Regulations, DT-1. Such a review, if held, will be held as soon as practicable, and the suspension will be postponed pending the outcome of the review conference.
  18. In keeping with uniformity, there shall be no deviation from the suspension days as stipulated for the violations without approval of the Director of Transportation.
  19. In order that there is no misunderstanding of the above, we are requesting that the parents/guardians of students, as well as the student riding the bus, sign the acknowledgment on the Bus Service Agreement.