

# Bus Safety

## Douglas County School District

### Directions for Parents and Students

Please read carefully, check the 4 boxes, then sign and return this agreement to your school office within 3 days after enrollment in school.

#### General Information

- ◆ Bus drivers, students, parents, teachers, and school administrators share the responsibility for bus safety, following all bus rules, and behaving in a responsible manner.
- ◆ Riding a school bus is a privilege and not guaranteed by law. When students behave appropriately, they are allowed to ride the bus.
- ◆ A monitoring system may be installed and used in school buses for purposes related to safety.

**If you have any questions, please contact the Area Transportation Manager or School Administrator.**

West Terminal 303-387-0413

North Terminal 303-387-6153

East Terminal 303-387-0574

NOTE: Board of Education policy concerning bus transportation is in the Student Code of Conduct and Discipline booklet.

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- I (student) promise to ride my bus safely. (Safety)**  
Including DO stay seated (seat to seat; back to back) DO NOT distract the driver  
DO talk softly, especially at bus stops DO NOT put any part of your body or any objects outside the bus window  
DO stop talking at railroad crossings DO NOT put anything in the aisle  
DO give the driver your name when asked DO NOT push or shove others  
DO stay away from the bus until it stops
  
  - I (student) promise to follow all bus rules. (Order/Responsibilities)**  
Including DO keep hands and feet to yourself DO NOT possess weapons including Laser pens  
DO respect bus property DO NOT possess alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs  
DO respect personal property at bus stop and on bus DO NOT tamper with emergency door or equipment  
Do show student ID when boarding bus (Middle/High School)
  
  - I (student) promise to treat the bus, the driver, and all passengers with respect. (Rights)**  
Including DO obey directions from your bus driver DO NOT leave trash, food, etc. on the bus  
DO talk kindly to others DO NOT throw, spit, kick, or hit  
DO NOT use foul language, tease, threaten others, or use inappropriate gestures
  
  - If I (student) break my promises, I understand this will happen:**  
**Minor Problem:** Usually the bus driver reminds students to follow the rules, to act safely, and to respect other people.  
**Warning:** My parent(s) will be contacted in writing or by phone by my bus driver if I choose not to follow the rules.  
**Bus Referrals:** NOTE: If bus privileges are suspended, I must arrange my own transportation to and from school. Students must continue to attend school.

#1 My parent(s)/guardian will be notified by my bus driver and I will be warned about the consequences of not following the rules.

#2 My parent(s)/guardian will be notified by an administrator and I will lose all bus privileges for 3-5 school days.

#3 My parent(s)/guardian will be contacted by an administrator and I will lose all bus privileges for 10 school days.

#4 My Parent(s)/guardian will be contracted by an administrator and I will lose all bus privileges for 30 school days.

Additional referrals may result in removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

**NOTE:** A serious problem, such as a weapon, drug or physical violence, may result in bus privileges being suspended immediately. The student may be required to remain at school and law enforcement may be called.

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