

Parent/Student Bus Rules Agreement

To: Parents of Pupils Riding the School Bus
Re: Rules and Regulations

The “*Rules and Regulations for Pupils Riding the School Bus*” are quite simple. In order for your child to understand just what is expected, please locate the rules on the bottom of this agreement. The rules can also be found in the school handbook. We suggest that you and your child read these regulations and review them together.

Both you and your child are being asked to sign this confirmation indicating that you are aware of the rules and the consequences for breaking them. Please practice these regulations, and think “safety” at all times.

I have read and understand the “Rules and Regulations for Pupils Riding the School Bus,” and I agree to follow the rules at all times.

I have read and understand the “Rules and Regulations for Pupils Riding the School Bus,” and I agree to assume full responsibility for my child’s behavior on the bus.

Student’s Signature

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

Grade/Teacher

Date

RULES FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS

1. Be on time at the bus stop (no more than ten minutes ahead of pick-up time).
2. Stay off the road while waiting for the bus; use the area along the curb.
3. Show respect for private property – lawns, shrubs, trees, etc.
4. Do not extend hands, arm, head, or other part of the body out of the window.
5. Remember that loud talking, laughing, or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver’s attention and may result in a serious accident.
6. Never tamper with any bus equipment.
7. Treat bus equipment as you would valuable furniture in your own home or your own car. Willful damage to seats, etc. must be paid for by the offender.
8. Assist in keeping the bus clean. Leave no books, lunches, backpacks, instruments, or other items on the bus.
9. Keep the aisles clear of books, band instruments, and other objects.
10. Remain seated while the bus is in motion.
11. Help look after the safety and comfort of younger children.
12. If it is necessary to cross the road after getting off the bus, cross at least 15 feet in front of the bus. Look both ways. Be alert to the danger signal from the driver. The driver will not pick up or discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stop.
13. No animals or pets are allowed on the bus.
14. Riding the school bus is a privilege. Violation of the rules will result in the loss of bus privileges.
15. **Please remember we cannot allow students to ride on buses other than their own as most of our buses are at capacity.**

Mansfield Township Elementary School
50 Port Murray Road
Port Murray, NJ 07865

September 7, 2010

Dear Parents,

In order to provide an environment conducive to learning, all school regulations must be followed. The same is true for bus regulations to insure safe travel to Mansfield Elementary and the return trip home. If bus regulations are not obeyed, the following steps of disciplinary action will be enforced:

1. First Offense – verbal warning (unless the incident is of a serious nature, then third offense will be enforced)
2. Second Offense – verbal warning and official letter to parents notifying parents that the next bus discipline referral may result in a three-day suspension from the bus
3. Third Offense – possible three-day suspension from riding the bus
4. Fourth Offense – conference to be held among the bus driver, parents, student, and Principal in order to prescribe a plan of action to change the pupil's behavior into a positive nature
5. Any referrals after the fourth referral may result in loss of bus privileges for the year.

On the other side of this letter, please find a copy of the "Parent/Student Bus Rules Agreement" which needs to be signed by both student and parent and returned to the school by **September 17, 2010**.

It is very important to stress safety while riding school buses. The initial step is to obey the rules from the very first day. Have a great school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Edward Kemp