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## Englewood Schools Transportation Bus Contract

The Englewood Schools Transportation Department takes pride in offering the best service to our students and their families. All of our buses are equipped with the most current technology to ensure a safe, secure and comfortable ride. Our drivers have received and continue to receive training in driving proficiency, special education, mountain driving, and bus safety. In order to provide the best service to Englewood students and the community, we would like for both students and their families to know that riding the school bus is a privilege not a right. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding the school buses as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions or events. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the bus or at the bus stop.

Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the building principal, or principal's designee. Serious conduct will be reported to the Director of Safety & Security for Englewood Schools.

### School Bus Safety Rules

- ✓ Immediately follow the directions of the driver.
- ✓ Remain seated facing forward while the bus is in motion.
- ✓ Keep all body parts out of the aisles and windows of the bus.
- ✓ Keep all personal belongings in your lap and out of the aisles of the bus.
- ✓ Talk quietly, no foul language or gestures
- ✓ Students are expected to respect everyone on the bus.
- ✓ Students will be picked up and dropped off only at authorized bus stops.
- ✓ Students are expected to arrive at least 5 minutes early to posted bus time.
- ✓ When exiting the bus, students are expected to communicate with the driver about crossing the street in front of the bus. Students should never cross the street behind the bus.
- ✓ If a student drops something under the bus, the student must alert the driver immediately.
- ✓ Fighting, harassment, intimidation or inappropriate conduct with another student or students will not be tolerated. Unsafe behavior may result in assigned seats, or temporary/permanent revocation of riding privileges.
- ✓ Do not throw objects inside or outside the bus window.
- ✓ Do not damage the school bus.
- ✓ **Band instruments larger than an Alto Saxophone are not allowed on a school bus. All Band instruments (Alto Saxophone and smaller) or school projects MUST be held by the student or stored under the seat. CDE regulations state: All baggage, articles,**

**equipment or medical supplies not held by individual passengers shall be secured in a manner which assures unrestricted access to all exits by occupants, does not restrict the driver's ability to operate the bus and protects all occupants against injury resulting from falling or displacement of any baggage, article or equipment.)**

- ✓ **No Skateboards, Scooters (Razor Blades/Scooters), or Bicycles are allowed on the school bus.**

## Consequences

If these rules are broken, the school district's discipline procedures are to be followed. Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will apply to all routes. Consequences are progressive and may include suspension of bus privileges. It is the school bus driver's responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the school principal, principal designee and transportation supervisor. Parents or guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges, by the principal or principal designee.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – written warning to student/parent or guardian by principal; assigned seat on school bus.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – 5 school day suspension from riding the school bus.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – 10 school day suspension from riding the school bus/meeting with parent or guardian.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year.

Based on the severity of the student's conduct, more serious consequences may be imposed at any time. Depending on the nature of the offense, consequences such as suspension or expulsion from school may result from school bus/bus stop misconduct.

Students damaging school buses will be responsible for the damages. Failure to pay such damages (or make payment arrangements) within two weeks may result in the loss of bus privileges until damages are paid.

Parents and guardians are asked to review this contract with their students. With the support of families, the school, and our staff we can ensure that all students have a positive experience. If an issue arises, our staff will communicate with your student's school administration for resolution of the issue. Thank you for sharing this information with your child. We appreciate your help and cooperation.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Stop student will be taking the bus to/from: \_\_\_\_\_