

## **Student Expectations**

- 1.** The bus driver is in full charge of all persons riding on the bus and has the same status and authority as a teacher in so far as discipline is concerned. The bus driver may assign seats to students on bus. This seating arrangement will be changed as needed. Students shall obey the directions of the bus driver promptly and courteously.
- 2.** Students shall board and leave at their established stop, except when they have a signed letter by their parent/guardian listing a valid reason to board or leave from another established stop. This request must also be approved by the school principal/designee. Students shall ride their assigned bus unless reassigned by the respective school principal/designee.
- 3.** Students shall observe safe pedestrian practices while walking to and from the bus stop. Students shall arrive at their designated bus stop not less than five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. Students shall wait in an orderly manner and shall respect private and public property while waiting at the bus stop. Kindergarten students are required to have someone receive them at the bus stop.
- 4.** After the bus has come to a complete stop, students shall enter the bus, go to their assigned seats, and remain seated until the bus stops to unload students.
- 5.** If it is necessary for students to cross the road before boarding or after leaving the bus, the student must walk ten (10) feet in front of the bus and wait until the “thumbs up” signal is given by the driver, and then cross carefully.
- 6.** Students shall talk quietly and avoid loud or distracting noises on the bus. Absolute silence is required when the driver stops the bus at railroad crossings.
- 7.** Students shall not tamper with emergency doors or equipment.
- 8.** Students must keep all parts of their body (hands, arms, feet, head, etc.) inside the bus at all times. No materials are to be thrown inside the bus, from the bus, or into the bus.
- 9.** School District policies and procedures pertaining to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, unauthorized prescriptions, and weapons or look-a-like weapons are in effect at the bus stop and on the bus.
- 10.** Other items not permitted on the bus are breakable containers, skateboards, scooters, roller blades, balls, cigarette lighters, matches, shop projects, animals (except service animals), flammable or explosive substances (such as gasoline), aerosol containers, or anything else that could jeopardize the safety of the persons involved, on any school bus. Any items carried on the bus must be small enough to be held on the lap of the student.
- 11.** Horseplay will not be tolerated on the bus. Horseplay is defined as throwing objects, shoving, pushing, chasing, loud yelling, play fighting, spitting, tripping, or using obscene gestures.
- 12.** There will be no eating or drinking on the bus except for bottled water. No gum or candy is allowed.
- 13.** Students must cooperate with the driver to keep the bus clean.
- 14.** Sexual misconduct, harassment, bullying, or threats to students, staff, or driver will not be tolerated.
- 15.** Once a student gets on a bus, the student is to remain on the bus until their assigned bus stop. Once a student gets off a bus, they will not be allowed back on the bus unless a serious safety issue arises.
- 16.** Fighting and assault cannot be tolerated anywhere within the educational setting. This includes the bus stop, while on the bus, and on school property. Fighting is defined as when both individuals are engaged in physical contact of hitting, slapping, punching, and/or kicking. Assault is defined as hitting, striking, and/or attempting to cause injury to another person.
- 17.** There are many people who experience unpleasant physical effects from scented products and a growing number of people who suffer more severe reactions to these types of products. Allergic and Asthmatic patients, as well as those with other conditions, report that certain odors even in the smallest amounts, can trigger an episode. Students are asked NOT to bring lotions, deodorizers or other personal care products onto the bus unless they are identified as fragrance free.

**SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FORM**

**ONLY COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION IF YOUR STUDENT WILL BE UTILIZING THE BUS**

Dear Parents,

The Moberly Public School District provides bus rider privileges to all students that live more than one (1) mile from school or that live in areas that are deemed a hazard to walk from because of safety reasons. Stops are placed to create efficient operation of the bus. In most cases, an elementary student will not have to walk more than one block and a high/middle school student more than three (3) blocks. Please take a few moments and complete the information below. Also be sure to review the attached student expectations with your student prior to the beginning of the school year.

**Important dates to remember:**

**July 1, 2017:** All bus enrollment forms must be turned into the District for ridership on the first week of school

**August 1, 2017:** Bus routes will be available via the District’s website. Request for route changes may be submitted to First Student. There will be no additions or deletions to the route until after August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Requests made after August 15<sup>th</sup> may take up to three (3) school days to implement.

**August 16, 2017:** FIRST DAY of school

**August 23, 2017:** First day for changes to bus routes. Parents will be notified in writing via their student.

Riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right. It is a privilege which each rider can keep by maintaining appropriate behavior while waiting at the bus stop, loading, riding, and unloading. Proper conduct by the students contributes greatly to the safety of the student transportation program. I have reviewed the attached student expectations with my student.

*Parent/Guardian Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade (17-18):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First)

**School (17-18) Circle:**    North Park       South Park       Gratz Brown       Middle School       High School

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(AREA BELOW THE LINE IS TO BE COMPLETED BY TRANSPORTATION)*

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**Student ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Stop Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bus #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pickup Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Drop Time:** \_\_\_\_\_