



**Mackay Jt. School District  
School Bus Behavior Contract**

Please read carefully, then sign and return this agreement to your school office within 3 days after receiving the contract.

**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 the school bus is a privilege. If you behave appropriately, you will be allowed to ride the bus.

	<b>Bus Conduct</b>
<b>S</b> top and listen attentively	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Stop, listen and follow directions when an adult speaks to you</li> <li> Respond immediately to bus driver when directions are given</li> </ul>
<b>A</b> ct responsibly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Arrive at your bus stop at least five minutes before pick up time</li> <li> Wait for bus to come to a complete stop</li> <li> Enter and exit in an orderly manner</li> <li> Go where you are supposed to go after you get off the bus</li> </ul>
<b>F</b> ollow directions and open the door to making good choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Follow bus rules               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DO NOT possess weapons including laser pens</li> <li>DO NOT possess alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs</li> <li>DO NOT tamper with emergency door or equipment</li> </ul> </li> <li> Sit on your bottom at all times while riding on the bus</li> <li> Do not stand or move around while the bus is moving</li> <li> Keep all body parts and objects to yourself and in the bus at all times (DO NOT throw, spit, kick or hit)</li> <li> Keep aisle clear</li> <li> Talk at a quiet or normal voice level</li> </ul>
<b>E</b> xcel in treating others respectfully	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Respect all adults</li> <li> Speak in appropriate and positive way to peers (DO NOT use foul language, tease, threaten others, or use inappropriate gestures)</li> <li> Be patient and wait your turn</li> <li> Respect others and their property</li> <li> Throw any trash away in the garbage containers at safe times (when getting on or off bus) (DO NOT leave trash, food, etc. on the bus)</li> </ul>

### Minor Offences

- Failure to remain seated
- Loud, rude, or abusive behavior
- Profane language or obscene gestures
- Pushing or tripping
- Hanging out of the window
- Horseplay
- Throwing objects
- Other conduct that affects the safe and timely operation of the bus

#### Disciplinary Action for Minor Offenses:

**1<sup>st</sup> Referral:** Student Conference, parent phone call

**2<sup>nd</sup> Referral:** Referral to office, and discipline action taken.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for 2 days

**4<sup>th</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for 3 days

**5<sup>th</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for 5 days

**6<sup>th</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for the remainder of the year.

### Major Offences

- Bullying or threats
- Refusing to obey driver
- Profane language or cursing directed at the bus driver
- Fighting
- Tampering with bus equipment
- Destruction of property (school or other students)
- Throwing objects in bus driver's direction
- Possession of articles of an injurious or objectionable nature.
- Disregarding school policies

#### Disciplinary Action for Major Offences:

**1<sup>st</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for 3 days, conference with parents/driver/administration

**2<sup>nd</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for 5 days and parent conference

**3<sup>rd</sup> Referral:** Suspension of riding privileges for remainder of the year.

**If I choose not to follow this contract, I understand the following consequences may occur, or in the event of a serious offense I may be suspended from the bus immediately:**

- #1 My parent(s)/guardian will be notified by an administrator at my school and I will be warned about the consequences of not following the school bus rules. I understand that other disciplinary measures may include a lunch detention, in school suspension or other consequences as specified in the Parent/Student Handbook.
- #2 My parent(s)/guardian will be notified by an administrator and I may lose all bus privileges for days or the remainder of the year.
- #3 Severe Clause: A serious infraction, 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.

**NOTE: If bus privileges are suspended, I must arrange my own transportation to and from school. Additional referrals may result in removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year.**

- I agree to ride the bus safely.
- I agree to follow all bus rules and be responsible.
- I agree to treat the bus, the driver, and all passengers with respect.

**Please print legibly. Signatures indicate that you have discussed, understand, and agree to the above statements. Thank you.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Driver \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_