

# MOTHER LODE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS RULES

1. Pupils shall obey the authority of the bus driver at all times.
2. **Pupils are to arrive at their designated bus stop at least five (5) minutes before scheduled bus arrival time.** Care should be taken to avoid arriving too early. Disorderly conduct at the bus stop is unacceptable. Students are not to push, fight or infringe on another student's rights at the bus stop. Students are not to run in the roadway or in any way cause destruction of private property at the bus stop.
3. Pupils are to sit facing forward at all times. Riding on the bus floor is not permitted.
4. Each pupil must keep his/her **hands and feet to themselves at all times.**
5. No part of the pupil's body shall be outside of the bus windows.
6. Pupils may not, at any time, block the way of another student entering or exiting the bus.
7. Every student must share his or her seating space. Drivers may assign seats as needed.
8. Students are to use classroom voices at all times.
9. Live animals of any kind, live insects or live reptiles may not be transported on any bus.
10. Additional items which may not be transported include the following: knives, weapons, skateboards, **balloons**, radios, recorders, food/drinks or any other items determined by driver to cause disruptive or unsafe conditions.
11. Playing musical instruments, eating, drinking, chewing gum, whistling, loud talking, abusive or profane language, and harassment of others is prohibited.
12. Pupils and their parents, guardians will be held financially responsible for any vandalism or damage caused to district buses or private property at or near bus stops.
13. The **driver only** may provide escort service across streets when required. Pupils will not depart bus or cross the street without direction from the driver.
14. Upon leaving the bus, the pupil shall go directly home. Pupils must depart the bus at his/her **designated bus stop** except when the pupil has a form from the school office giving permission to get off at another stop.
15. Pupils desiring to ride with a friend on an unassigned bus must present the driver with a form from the office when boarding the bus and is dependent on space being available.
16. **The throwing of any object in or from a bus by a student will result in a five (5) day loss of Of riding privileges!**

## PENALTIES

For each occurrence of unsatisfactory conduct, the driver will file an incident report. Parents/Guardians will be notified of each incident and a copy will remain on file.

1<sup>st</sup> Incident: Warning. Child's parents to be notified.

2<sup>nd</sup> Incident: Loss of bus riding privileges for three (3) days. \*

3<sup>rd</sup> Incident: Loss of bus riding privileges for five (5) days. \*

4<sup>th</sup> Incident: Loss of bus riding privileges for twenty days.

5<sup>th</sup> Incident: Loss of bus riding privileges for remainder of school year.

**NOTICE TO PARENT(S):** When a student is denied bus transportation, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide transportation to and from school. When student behavior has been determined detrimental to the safety and welfare of the other bus passengers, the Director of Transportation has the right to waive any of the above steps and **immediately** deny student transportation.

=====Please sign and return bottom portion to Bus Driver=====

**Please print or type.**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Morning Bus Color \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Stop \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and discussed the above rules with my child and I am aware that video cameras are used.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_