

BUS RIDER BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

Promesa Academy Charter School is committed to excellent customer service in providing transportation services to students throughout San Antonio. Students are encouraged to take full advantage of this free service. Transportation, however, is a PRIVILEGE. Families that exercise this privilege are expected to observe the culture of high expectations, and abide by the behavioral norms outlined in the student code of conduct, and specifically in this contract (please see the reverse side of this document for a detailed description of disciplinary consequences based on the most common offenses).

We, _____ (student's name) and _____ (name of parent or guardian) understand the culture of high expectations in and out of the classroom. For this reason, we are committed to abiding by the expectations outlined in this bus ridership contract. I understand that failure to adhere to these expectations may result in temporary or permanent suspension of bus riding privileges.

Student's Bus Route (circle) 1 / 2

Today's Date _____

Student Name _____ **Student Signature** _____ **Grade** _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Please complete and return this contract to the Front office in order for your child to continue enjoying this service.

Students are encouraged to take full advantage of the free transportation provided by Promesa Academy Charter School. This transportation, however, is a PRIVILEGE and can be taken away if any student or parent violates the expectations set forth in this Bus Rider Behavior Contract.

Level I Incidents. Level I incidents are behaviors that are generally disruptive of the bus riding experience and can impact the normal and usual operations of the school bus. Students involved in Level I incidents will receive a Bus Rider Incident Report explaining the reasons for the report. The Principal will meet with the student to validate the information collected. The Principal will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation. The discipline may include, but is not limited to, after school detention, loss of fun activity privileges at school, and/or participation in field trips.

Habitual offenders will receive up to two (2) days suspension from the bus. Below are the most common Level I incidents:

- Sitting outside of assigned seats
- Standing without permission of the driver
- Walking in front of the bus
- Failure to follow bus driver requests (getting out of the bus, sitting down, quieting down, etc.)
- Excessive noise or loud music
- Eating/Drinking/Chewing Gum/Littering the bus
- Horseplay/Mischief
- Spitting
- Inappropriate or disruptive behavior toward other vehicles/drivers alongside the bus, or at the bus stop
- Other behaviors which disrupt the normal and usual operation of the school bus

Level II Incidents. Level II incidents are behaviors that directly disrespect bus drivers and can put the bus riders' own safety or the safety of other students riding the bus in jeopardy. Students involved in Level II incidents will receive a Bus Rider Incident Report explaining the reasons for the report. The Principal will meet with the student to validate the information collected. The Principal will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation. The discipline may include, but is not limited to, after-school detention, loss of fun activity privileges at school, and/or participation in field trips.

Offenders will receive a three (3) days suspension from the bus. Below are the most common Level II incidents:

- Refusing to properly identify yourself to the bus driver
- Throwing/shooting of any object in or out of the bus
- Vandalism to the bus or any bus-related equipment (restitution will be required as well)
- Pushing, shoving or rushing while waiting, entering, exiting the bus
- Unauthorized entering or leaving the bus through an emergency exit or window
- Hanging out of windows with any part of the body
- Disrupting the normal activities of a business where a stop is located
- Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, inappropriate gestures, or possession of inappropriate materials
- Other offenses and behaviors that disrespect bus drivers, students, the motoring public, or pedestrians

Level III Incidents. Level III incidents are the most serious behavior problems. These actions put the bus driver and riders' safety in jeopardy. Students involved in Level III incidents will receive a Bus Rider Incident Report explaining the reasons for the report. The Principal will meet with the student to validate the information collected. The Principal will administer the appropriate discipline and inform parents/guardians about the situation. The discipline may include, but is not limited to, after-school detention, loss of fun activity privileges at school, and/or participation in field trips. **The discipline will include five (5) to ten (10) days suspension or even permanent removal from the bus. Below are the most common Level III incidents:**

- Lighting matches, lighters, or any other flammable object or substance
- **Habitual Level I or II offenses**
- Possession or threats of possession of a weapon, explosive, or flammables
- Possession or use of tobacco or any controlled substance
- Physical altercation, bullying, threatening, or harassment of any person on the bus
- Knowingly and without permission riding an unassigned bus or using an unassigned bus stop
- Possession or use of a laser pen or pointer
- Parent, guardian or adult boarding the bus **(This is a Class C Misdemeanor under Texas Law and punishable by up to a \$500 fine)**
- Parent, guardian or adult responsible for dropping the student off at the bus stop and using their vehicle to block or stop the bus so that the student may board the bus. **(This is a Class C Misdemeanor under Texas Law and punishable by up to a \$500 fine)**
- Other offenses and behaviors which seriously jeopardize the safety of the bus driver, other students, the motoring public, or pedestrians