



**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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TRI-BORDER STUDENT TRANSPORTATION OFFICE
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UNIT 21606
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MEMORANDUM FOR PARENTS AND SPONSORS OF STUDENTS RIDING
DODDS SCHOOL BUSES

SUBJECT: Behavior Standards for DoDDS School Buses

This memorandum concerns the safety and well-being of our children as they ride our school buses this school year. Please take the time to read it carefully.

The safe transportation of DoDDS students is our most important concern. DoDDS contracts for bus transportation from responsible firms with mechanically sound vehicles and properly qualified drivers. This is only part of the formula, however. The safe operation of school buses also depends on proper conduct by the students that ride those buses.

Parents share with their students the responsibility for student behavior on our school buses. Attached is a copy of DoDEA's Behavior Standards for School Bus Students. Parents and sponsors must ensure that their children understand the rules for riding the school bus and that they follow those rules. When children disobey the rules, they make the bus unsafe for every student on that bus. Bus drivers must not be distracted from safe driving by children's misbehavior. Students must show respect for bus drivers and follow their instructions.

School bus transportation is a privilege that may be suspended or revoked. We do not have the resources to be school bus police officers. We rely on parents and sponsors to teach their children proper behavior. Accordingly, school bus rules are strictly enforced. Students not complying with school bus rules may have their bus riding privileges suspended or revoked up to the rest of the year. **When this happens, parents and sponsors must make their own arrangements for their children to get to and from school according to established school hours.**

As a parent, **you must agree**, as a condition for having your children ride the school bus, **that you will reimburse the U.S. Treasury for the cost incurred by the school to repair damage** caused to the school bus by your children's misconduct **and to serve as a bus monitor** when required by the military commander.

All DoDDS personnel take the safety of the children that ride school buses very seriously. We expect parents and sponsors will do the same. Please sit down with your children, carefully go over the attached rules, complete, and return the acknowledgment of receipt and understanding to the Tri-Border Student Transportation Office, Room B1.1A, AFNORTH IS. Let us work together to make this school year safe.

Attachment:
As stated

(Original Signed)
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**DODEA
BEHAVIOR STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL BUS STUDENTS**

On or around school buses, students must conduct themselves in accordance with these school bus rules:

The 10 School Bus Rules

1. Obey the driver or adult.
2. Enter and exit the bus safely and always show your bus pass.
3. Stay properly seated and use seatbelts when available.
4. Keep your hands, feet, and other body parts to yourself.
5. Do not throw things.
6. Put nothing out of the window.
7. Remain quiet and do not disturb the driver or others.
8. No profanity, indecency, smoking, prohibited items or vandalism.
9. Do not eat, drink, or chew gum.
10. Be responsible, be safe.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I, the DoD sponsor of _____, acknowledge that I have received a copy of the DoDEA Behavior Standards for School Bus Students. I have explained the school bus behavior standards and the necessity for those standards to my child, and I have explained that I expect these school bus behavior standards to be followed. I understand that consequences for student misbehavior could include suspension or revocation of bus rider privileges. I also understand and agree to reimburse the U.S. Treasury for the costs incurred by the school to repair any damage to the school bus caused by my child's misconduct. I agree that I will serve as a school bus monitor (or will be responsible for finding a person to serve as monitor on my behalf) should I be required to serve by the military commander.

Printed Name and Signature of Parent/Sponsor

Date Signed

I understand the behavior standards and will conduct myself accordingly.

Printed Name and Signature of Student

Date Signed