



Dear Academy Parents/Guardians and Students:

The Delta School District strives to offer all students riding the Academy busses a safe and welcoming environment. In order to achieve this, all riders must cooperate to make the route as pleasant as possible. Academy bus safety is the responsibility of the School Board, administration, bus driver, parents, and students who use the bus. All riders are expected to behave responsibly and respectfully while travelling on the bus as well as while waiting at pickup and transfer points. Riding the Academy bus is a privilege that can be withdrawn if expectations are not followed.

Please review with your child the Code of Conduct and the Academy Bus Discipline Policy. Please sign the form and return it to the Teacher Coordinator to acknowledge awareness of our policies.

Academy Bus Code of Conduct

Bus Rider Expectations:

1. At the stop:

- ✓ Arrive at your pick up point five minutes before arrival time. Buses will not wait for riders who are late.
- ✓ Conduct yourself in an orderly manner while waiting for your bus.
- ✓ Wait well back from the curb or roadway until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open.

2. On the bus:

- ✓ Board and disembark the bus in single file and in an orderly manner.
- ✓ Take your seat promptly and remain in your seat until you arrive at your destination.
- ✓ Do not stand up or leave seat while bus is in motion.
- ✓ Remain seated until the bus comes to a complete stop at destination.
- ✓ Respect and promptly obey the bus driver.
- ✓ Do not speak to or distract the driver while the bus is in motion unless there is an emergency.
- ✓ Do not open windows without bus driver permission.

3. The following activities are NOT permitted on the bus:

- ✓ Interfering with bus equipment (including: fire extinguisher, safety devices, emergency doors)
- ✓ Vandalizing or damaging the bus (cutting, puncturing, defacing)
- ✓ Hanging out the windows or throwing items out bus windows
- ✓ Profane, obscene, or disrespectful language or behaviour
- ✓ Spitting
- ✓ Horseplay, wrestling, or physical altercations of any kind

- ✓ Bullying, harassment of others on/out of the bus
- ✓ Laser pointers, weapons, matches, fireworks, flammable objects

Academy Bus Discipline Policy

Noncompliance of the Academy bus policy will be reported to the Teacher Coordinator and school administration, and the following actions will be implemented:

1. First offence: the driver will report to the Teacher Coordinator who will document the incident and inform parents/guardians.
2. Second offence: the driver will communicate with the Teacher Coordinator/Vice Principal who will document the incident and meet with parents/guardians.
3. Third offence: minimum one-day suspension from riding privileges. The Teacher Coordinator and Vice Principal will consider reinstatement after satisfactory consultation with parents and driver.
4. Repeated offences will result in permanent removal from bus privileges. Bus fees will not be reimbursed when students are removed from bus privileges.
5. The responsible student and his or her parents will compensate for property damage and vandalism.
6. The school administration reserves the right to implement immediate suspension of riding privileges should student behavior warrant it.

Please acknowledge your understanding and agreement by signing below and returning this form to the Teacher Coordinator.

I have read and discussed both the Code of Conduct and the Discipline Policy for riding an Academy bus. My child and I are in agreement with its expectations and we understand the consequences of non-compliance.

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature:

Date

Student Name and Signature

Date