

**SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT**  
Philip Michael Pennington School

**DIRECTIONS FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:** Please read carefully, then sign and return this agreement to the school **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

**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 a school bus is a privilege and is not guaranteed by law. When students behave appropriately, they are allowed to ride the bus.
- An audio/video recording device may be installed and used in school buses for purposes related to safety.
- Please help support the Pennington community by making school bus safety a priority through maintaining appropriate behavior at all times.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE (703) 369-6644

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**I (student) promise to ride my bus safely.**

Including DO remain seated, facing forward.  
DO talk in a normal tone of voice.  
DO give the driver your name when asked.  
DO stay away from the bus when it stops.

DO NOT distract the driver.  
DO NOT put any part of your body or any objects outside the bus window.  
DO NOT put anything in the aisle.  
DO NOT push or shove others.

**I (student) promise to follow all bus rules.**

Including DO keep hands and feet to yourself.  
DO respect bus property.  
DO respect personal property at bus stop and on the bus.

DO NOT possess weapons, including laser pens.  
DO NOT possess alcohol, tobacco, illegal, prescription or over the counter drugs.  
DO NOT tamper with emergency door or equipment.  
DO NOT eat on the bus.  
DO NOT possess any electronic devices including cell phones and electronic music devices which distract.  
DO NOT leave trash on the bus.  
DO NOT throw, spit, kick, or hit.  
DO NOT use foul language, tease, threaten others, or use inappropriate gestures.

**I (student) promise to treat the bus, the driver, and all passengers with respect.**

Including DO obey directions from your bus driver.  
DO talk kindly to others.

DO NOT use foul language, tease, threaten others, or use inappropriate gestures.

**If I (student) break my promises, I understand the following will happen:**

**Minor Infraction:** Usually the bus driver reminds students to follow the rules, to act safely, and to respect other people.

**Warning:** My parent(s) will be contacted in writing or by phone by an administrator if I choose not to follow the rules.

**Bus Referrals:** Note: If bus privileges are suspended, I must arrange my own transportation to and from school. Students must continue to attend school.

- #1 My parent(s)/guardian will be notified by an administrator, and I will be warned about the consequences of not following the rules.
- #2 My parent(s)/guardian will be notified by an administrator and I will lose all bus privileges for 5 school days.
- #3 My parent(s)/guardian will be contacted by an administrator and I will lose all bus privileges for 10 school days.
- #4 My parent(s)/guardian will be contacted by an administrator and I will lose all bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.

**NOTE:** Based upon the severity of the first incident, suspension may be an immediate consequence. A serious problem, such as a weapon, drugs or physical violence will result in bus privileges being suspended immediately and additional disciplinary action being taken. The student may be required to remain at school and law enforcement may be contacted.

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

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Bus Number \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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