



ACS Bus Discipline Contract

Appropriate bus behavior is important for all students. Riding a school bus is a privilege. This contract provides a thorough explanation of Ashe County Schools bus behavior expectations, as well as, consequences for students who choose not to comply with these expectations. We believe in teaching appropriate behaviors through expectations. Please review this information, detach the bottom half, sign, and return.

Expectations of Bus Riders

1. Listen to your driver and respond to directions the first time they are given.
2. Be mindful of safety and avoid being behind the bus when outside.
 - a. Keep the aisle clear.
 - b. Walk to and from the bus.
3. Stay seated in your assigned seat.
 - a. Sit back to back, seat to seat, and feet towards the floor.
4. Be at the bus stop on time.
5. Use a quiet voice and polite language.
 - a. Do not use vulgar, profane, aggressive, or threatening language.
6. Keep your body and belongings to yourself.
 - a. Do not provoke or engage in aggressive behavior, fighting, or horseplay.
7. Cell phones must remain in your book bag.
 - a. Students may listen to music if they have ear devices.
 - b. Students may not share phones
 - c. Students may not take pictures, videos, etc.
 - d. Students may not be on social media
8. Keep the bus clean.
 - a. No food or drink, besides water in a spill-proof bottle, is allowed on the bus.

Your child's teacher will review and/or practice the bus expectations at the beginning of the year. If your student does not follow expectations, there will be consequences.

There are two kinds of bus discipline - minor and major. The administration has the final say in whether an infraction is minor or major.

Minor examples include: eating on the bus, yelling, horseplay, being out of assigned seat, electronics, etc.

Minor consequences:

1st Infraction Bus Driver Warning
2nd Infraction Administrative Conference
3rd Infraction Referral to principal, parent contact, possible intervention strategies

Major examples include: weapons (ACS Board Policy 4330), controlled substances (ACS Board Policy 4325), tobacco, vapes, fighting, physical intimacy, safety equipment, vulgar/threatening/aggressive language, indecent exposure, etc.

See ACS Board Policy 4300 for Student Behavior Policies.

Major Consequences:

1st Infraction Suspension from riding the bus for 3-5 days (administrative discretion)
2nd Infraction Suspension from riding the bus for 5-10 days (administrative discretion)
3rd Infraction Suspension from riding the bus for 10-15 days (administrative discretion)
4th Infraction Permanent suspension of bus riding privileges for the current school year.

The administration has the right to suspend bus ridership for serious offenses at any time.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____