

**Creative, Performing and Media Arts Middle School  
BUS CONTRACT 2017-18**

**Student name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules for riding the bus include but are not limited to the following list:**

- **Follow the directions of the bus driver at all times.**
- All school rules are to be observed on the bus, at the stops and in the loading zone.
- In the morning, be at the bus stop 10 minutes before the assigned stop time, which is the time the bus **leaves** the stop.
- Follow street crossing procedure. Be waiting at the stop when the bus arrives and always cross the street with a driver escort while the bus is in sight.
- Have your school ID and ZONAR card to ride the bus every morning and afternoon (when IDs are issued).
- Sit properly in your seat: facing forward with your feet on the floor. Do not stand or change seats.
- Do not put feet, legs, backpacks, other objects or lean into the aisle.
- Do not eat, drink, chew gum or leave trash on the bus.
- Cell phones must be turned off and out-of-sight. They can be used only with driver permission.
- Do not put anything out the window: hands, heads, books, trash, etc., or throw anything in the bus.
- Keep talking, singing, and other noises to a quiet, conversational level.
- If there is a seating chart, you must sit in the assigned seat every day.
- If the bus has seat belts, students are required by law to use them.
- You may bring a CD player or i-pod on the bus and listen to it. It **must** be put away for the day at the first bell. The school is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged personal property.
- You can only ride your assigned bus and get on and off at your assigned stop. In order to ride a bus other than your assigned bus, or to use a different stop, you must have a note signed by your parent specifying which bus and stop you will use that day and obtain a temporary pass. You should take the note to the office in the morning or by the end of the lunch period on the day the temporary pass is required. For the safety of the students, school officials can only honor change requests from parents or legal guardians.

**The bus driver is responsible for the safety of all students on the bus and students must respect the driver's authority on the bus at all times.**

**If your child breaks the rules, the bus driver will give him/her a referral and a copy will be sent to you. Breaking the bus rules will result in the following consequences:**

- **Minor, first time offenses will result in a warning and possible lunch time consequence (campus beautification or lunch detention)**
- **Referrals for disrespectful, distracting or dangerous behavior will result in a minimum 1 day bus suspension. Students with serious offenses or multiple bus referrals will be subject to a longer bus suspension. Students are still expected to attend school if suspended from the bus.**
- **If a student receives 5 bus referrals they may be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year. Parents will then be responsible for providing transportation to and from school.**

**My child and I understand that riding the bus is a privilege. If my child does something that takes the bus driver's attention away from the road, causes problems for other students, compromises the safety of my child, the driver or any other student, or makes a mess of the bus, MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RIDE THE BUS. We agree to these rules and consequences.**

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Parent signature

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Student signature