



# BUS RIDER AGREEMENT

The DeKalb County School District offers bus transportation service to and from school for all eligible students in the District. Eligible students are defined by the state as those who reside at least one and a half miles from the school they attend as measured by the nearest practical route. Safe and effective transportation service requires the cooperation of bus drivers, students, parent/guardians, administrators and staff.

***This form is to be completed before the student is permitted to ride a DCSD School Bus to/from school. One student name per form.***

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Morning Pick up Address (AM) \_\_\_\_\_

Afternoon Drop off Address (PM) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (Bus Riders) \_\_\_\_\_

**Conduct on the Bus** – The school bus is an extension of the classroom and discipline shall be maintained to ensure safety. A student must:

- Remain seated while bus is in motion
- Sit in assigned seating
- Not throw objects in the bus or out of the bus windows
- Not mark, scratch, tear, write or otherwise damage seats or any other part of the bus
- Not BULLY, threaten, harass or tease other students
- Not operate emergency doors, roof hatches and/or exit controls except in emergency situations or as directed by the driver
- Face forward during the duration of the trip and keep their feet on the floor in front of them and out of the aisle
- Keep hands to oneself and do not touch the belongings of other students
- Refrain from yelling, loud talking, and speak in normal conversation so as not to distract the driver
- Be respectful of the driver
- Conform to all other school rules while riding the school buses

### **Designated stops**

Students will be picked up and dropped off at their designated stop(s) ONLY. Only one location for pick up and one location for drop off will be allowed. Students who are in violation of bus and bus stop rules when violations occur involving the school bus and/or incidents that occur while students are on the way to or returning from school, whether at the bus stop or in the surrounding neighborhood may be subject to the disciplinary action listed in the *Code of Student~Student Rights and Responsibilities and Character Development Handbook*.

### **Gross Misconduct**

Gross misconduct that endangers the safety of others or that destroys District property will not be permitted. This may result in immediate bus suspension by the School Principal. Examples of gross misconduct include, but are not limited to, fighting, opening emergency doors or windows (except for emergencies), abusive language, hanging any part of the body out of the bus window, throwing objects, breaking windows, and cutting seats. All of these infractions may be cause for temporary or permanent suspension of bus riding privileges.

***We have read and reviewed this contract and agree to abide by the rules for riding. I also pledge to be a safe bus rider.***

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_