

## School Bus Transportation - Ridership Agreement

St. Helena Unified School District

School bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct while waiting to board, riding or leaving the bus. (Board Policy 5131.1 & Ed. Code 39800) Safety regulations have been adopted for the protection of all passengers and to provide the driver with a safe environment in which to drive the bus. Below is a partial list of behavior expectations that students agree to follow.

- Students wait for and board the bus at designated area
- Students sit in seats or areas of the bus designated by the driver
- Students may quietly talk to neighbors or listen private music (headphones)
- Students must sit upright in seats

Violations of this ridership agreement and continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation. (Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 14103) Examples are:

- Using profanity or obscene gestures
- Fighting on the bus or at the bus stop
- Vandalism - Parents are financially responsible for damage caused by student
- Use, possession or under the influence alcohol, drugs, tobacco or other controlled substances
- Defiance of drivers' safety instructions
- Moving about the bus (changing seats, standing up) while the bus is in motion
- Throwing objects at or from the bus

Students who violate behavior expectations will be subject to the following consequences:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense - student will receive a warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - 5-day suspension from riding bus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - 20-day suspension from riding bus
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense - 40-day suspension from riding bus or suspension for the remainder of the year

**Note:** Behavior violations of a serious nature may result in suspension from bus on first offense.

School Principal or designee shall review bus driver's report, meet with student, and notify parent of violation and consequence. In the event student loses bus riding privileges, it is the parent's legal responsibility to make certain student attends school.

We have read and understand the SHUSD School Bus Transportation Ridership Agreement.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_