

## Student Contract

Please sign and return this contract to the bus driver tomorrow.

*I have read and understand the School Bus Rider Regulations contained in this brochure and agree to abide by them.*

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Student Signature

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School Attending

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Home Address

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Home Room Teacher

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Home Phone Number

## For Parent or Guardian

*I have read and understand the School Bus Rider Regulations and agree to assume full responsibility for my child's conduct on Ohio County Schools Buses.*

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Signature (Parent or Guardian)

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Date

**(Please give this signed contract to the bus driver on your route)**

# OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Rider Rules



**“Safety First-Schedule Second”**

*The privilege of riding a school bus is extended to students who qualify according to the policies of the Ohio County Board of Education.*

*Students found to be in violation of pertinent rules maybe subject to disciplinary action, including suspension of bus riding privileges.*

### At the Bus Stop

- Arrive at the assigned bus stop ten minutes before bus time. The driver is not permitted to wait for students.
- Keep all articles off the roadway and remain well clear of traffic.
- Do not damage private property.
- Do not disturb residents by making excessive noise.
- Unauthorized conduct, such as fighting or damage to property may be subject to action by local police as well as from the school.
- Wait until the bus stops and then walk to the bus door in orderly fashion.
- Students living on the opposite side of the road from a bus stop should wait on their side until the bus arrives and the driver signals them to cross.
- Students may use only that stop nearest their residence, unless written permission is obtained from their principal and provided to the bus driver.

### On the Bus

- The bus driver may assign seats.
- Eating and drinking are not permitted on the bus.
- Students will share seats as directed by the driver.
- Neither the driver/monitor, nor students are permitted to use tobacco products while on a school bus.
- Weapons, explosives or any dangerous articles are absolutely prohibited from school bus.
- **No animals** or other items that might frighten other riders or **distract the driver**, are permitted on school buses.
- Nothing will be placed in the aisle of the bus or where it would hamper evacuation in case of emergency.
- **Riders will never use the rear emergency exit except upon direction of the driver**, or other competent authority.
- Riders will refrain from any language or action that might tend to embarrass or intimidate another student. *(Harassment of one student by another while riding a school bus may be cause for permanent suspension of bus riding).*



## Bus Evacuations

Evacuation drills will be conducted four times each year. The drills consist of an orderly use of the available exits on the bus and are designed to familiarize students with the proper safety procedures to be followed in case of emergency.

## Removal from Bus

Whenever the bus driver determines the existence of an unsafe condition the bus must be stopped until the unsafe condition no longer exists. Assistance may be requested from the Transportation Department whenever the unsafe condition is beyond the capability of the driver to correct. Drivers may request the removal of students who are the basis of the unsafe condition. Removed students will be transported by separate vehicle to either the school or to the Transportation Office on East Union Street, Hartford. Information may be obtained by calling 298-4832.

## Unsafe Condition

Any condition which, if permitted to continue, could result in injury to a student is considered unsafe. Some examples are:

- Throwing items inside or out of the bus.
- Failure to remain properly seated.
- Improperly exiting the bus.
- Fighting, yelling and loud talking.
- Extending body parts out the windows.
- Damaging any part of the bus.
- Acts designed to intimidate or otherwise harass other students.
- Failure to carry out instructions from the driver.

## Special Instructions

Students are permitted to leave the bus only at their designated bus stop. Any request to leave the bus at another stop must be signed by the school principal.

Students who live on the opposite side of the road from the bus stop should, when exiting from the bus, go to a point approximately ten feet ahead of the bus and wait until the driver signals to cross the road. Never cross to the rear of a stopped school bus.

## Stopped School Buses

School buses stopped for the purpose of loading and unloading students will have the side "stop-arm" activated. Any time the stop arm is out and lights are flashing, all traffic must stop. It is not permissible, even on school property, to pass a school bus while it is loading or unloading students. **An exception is when the bus is on a multi-lane highway, traffic going in the opposite direction does not have to stop.**

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315 East Union Street  
Hartford, KY 42347  
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Students, their parents and employees of the Ohio County Board of Education, are hereby notified this school district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, genetic information, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, age or disabling condition in employment, educational programs, vocational programs or activities as set forth in Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, and ADA.

Any person having inquires concerning the Ohio County Board of Education compliance with Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, and ADA is directed to contact Christy Nofsinger, Ohio County Board of Education, P.O. Box 70, 315 East Union Street, Hartford, KY 42347, 298-3249, who has been designated to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504.

Bus No. \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_  
Mid-day \_\_\_\_\_

To: Parents or Guardians

From: Transportation Division  
Ohio County Schools

Subject: Safe Transportation

*The employees of the Transportation Division wish to assure you of our priority in providing the best and safest transportation for school children of this district. In pursuit of this objective, we encourage your input. Your observations are essential to our improvement.*

*We believe strongly that each rider of Ohio County School buses has an obligation to the other riders to obey the rules, respond to instructions and treat other riders with respect. We feel that the school-provided transportation experience should be pleasant and non threatening.*

*Please assist us by observing our performance and take the time to make a telephone call to let us know how we are doing.*

*Please give us your comments and recommendations, especially concerning areas that need our immediate attention.*

Sincerely,  
Tom Woods  
Director of Transportation