



Dear parents/guardians:

To help ensure appropriate behavior on BATA routes that serve area schools, please take a moment to discuss BATA's Student Safety Code of Conduct with your child prior to the next school day. **Please note that BATA's conduct policies and services are independent from any school policy regarding individual student academic or discipline plans. BATA has the right to withhold transportation services from any student who does not follow the expected conduct rules stated below and at www.bata.net/conduct.** Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter by signing your name on the following page and returning it to the bus driver.

BATA SCHOOL ROUTE AND STUDENT SAFETY CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Have respect for the bus driver, the *Code of Conduct*, and other passengers.
 - a. Use inside voices and be respectful of others at ALL times.
 - No profanity, obscene language, or gestures.
 - No verbal threats of harm or violence or threatening language towards the driver or other passengers.
 - b. No use of laser pens, lights or other shining or reflective devices including cell phone lights/camera flashes to distract or obscure the driver's vision.
 - c. No taking photos or videos of other passengers or of the driver.
 - d. No damaging or defacing the bus by:
 - activating/or tampering with emergency or safety equipment.
 - littering.
 - throwing objects.
2. Sit facing forward and always remain seated while the bus is moving.
 - a. Stay out of the aisle.
 - b. Keep your belongings (backpacks, lunch boxes, jackets, etc.) in your seat on your lap.
 - c. No unauthorized exit from the emergency door.
 - d. Keep hands, head and body inside the window, and only open windows with permission from the driver.
 - e. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
 - No horseplay/rough and rowdy behavior.
 - No harassing, bullying, or threatening other passengers.
 - No fighting.
 - No weapons, simulated weapons, destructive devices, or dangerous instruments.
 - Any action causing harm to others is forbidden.
3. No eating, drinking (except water), or chewing gum.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts that will help us keep our passengers safe.

Sincerely,

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Date: _____

I have read and understand BATA’s Student Safety Code of Conduct and I understand that BATA’s conduct policies and services are independent from any school policy regarding individual student academic or discipline plans and I understand that BATA has the right to withhold transportation services from any student who does not follow the expected conduct rules stated in the preceding document and at www.bata.net/conduct.

I understand that conduct violations may result in probation or suspensions of students from the bus. I understand that not every infraction carries the same penalty, but if BATA determines that the conduct interferes with safe operations of the bus, students may expect suspensions of one month or more depending on the seriousness of the incident. Further, I understand that repetitive referrals may result in longer suspensions. I understand that BATA takes the safety of EVERY child seriously and have spoken with my child about how positive behavior expectations will better ensure a successful year on the bus.

Parent/Guardian Name, Daytime Phone Number, email address, & Signature.

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