



PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Transportation Department
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Parent-Student Compact for Bus Safety

School Year 2018 – 2019

THE MISSION OF PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT IS TO TRANSPORT ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL SAFELY, EFFICIENTLY AND READY TO LEARN.

It is imperative that parents, guardians and students discuss and understand these rules of safety and behavior.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

- Are responsible to have students at the bus stop **5 minutes before pick up time.**
- Must be at the PM bus stop of Kindergarten and First Grade students or they will be returned to school. Any child returned to school (3) times, will result in a mandatory meeting with the school principal or school social worker. Excessive repeated returns to school will result in a loss of transportation privileges. Please know that student returns to school prohibit our buses from running effectively and efficiently for all schools and all children.
- Are responsible to submit in writing to the school any requests for temporary changes in a student's pick up or drop off location **a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start date.** The Transportation Office will not accept any changes to pick up or drop off locations by telephone.

STUDENTS MUST AT ALL TIMES:

- Obey instructions and show respect for the school bus driver and monitor. Misconduct of a recurring or serious nature will be documented in a Bus Conduct Report.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- Keep head, arms and hands inside the bus
- Follow Rules & Regulations, including:
 - No eating or drinking
 - No transport of large objects (including radios and instruments)
 - No animals on the bus

Safety First: Please talk to your children about the importance of using seatbelts while riding the bus. Every seat will have a seatbelt. Make sure they know how to use them.

Please remember transportation is a privilege and may be suspended or stopped at any time due to inappropriate behavior.

THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORS ARE NOT PERMITTED AND MAY BE PROSECUTED:

Physical abuse, sexual harassment, vandalism, use of drugs or alcohol, smoking or any unlawful act. District employees, parents, &/or their children are to treat each other with respect. Foul or abusive language by a student or parent will result in suspension of bus privileges for a time to be determined by the District.

Repeated violations of bus rules will result in progressive student discipline consistent with district code of conduct policy and the law.

BUS DISCIPLINE

Inappropriate Behavior:

Behaviors such as using profanity, disrespect to driver, monitor or other students, throwing objects on or from the bus, standing while bus is in motion, climbing over seats, discourtesy/rudeness, eating or drinking beverages or any other behavior not consistent with the Peekskill City School District Code of Conduct for students will be dealt with using the consequences listed below.. Transportation is a continuation of the school day. All conduct reports that require disciplinary action will be forwarded to the Principal of the School your child attends who then will determine the correct course of action.

1 st Offense:	Verbal Warning
2 nd Offense:	Written Warning & Call Parents/Guardian
3 rd Offense:	1-Day Bus Suspension
Recurring Offenses	Additional Suspensions

Smoking on Bus:

1 st Offense:	Written Warning & Call Parents/Guardian
2 nd Offense:	1-Day Bus Suspension
3 rd Offense:	3-Day Bus Suspension
Recurring Offenses:	Indefinite Bus Suspension and Superintendent Review

Physical Assaults/Fighting or Threats of Any Type:

1 st Offense:	Minimum of a 3-Day Bus Suspension (depending on severity of action)
2 nd Offense:	Indefinite Bus Suspension and Superintendent Review
	Each situation May Require Referral to Police Agency

Use of Drugs or Alcohol and / or Vandalism to the Bus:

Any Offense: Referral to Police Agency, Indefinite Bus Suspension and Superintendent Review

The parent/guardian must sign and return this form no later than Monday, October 12, 2018 to the address below.

I hereby certify that I am the Parent/Legal Guardian of the child named below, and I have received, understand and discussed the Compact for Bus Safety", with my child, as well as the consequences of unacceptable behavior. I also understand that I have the responsibility of informing the Transportation Office of any changes in the information below.

Child's Name _____ Grade _____ School _____

Print Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Complete ONLY if your address has changed. Please be advised that proof of residence is required (contact the Registrar's Office for details 739-0682 ext 246 Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN: PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ATTN: TRANSPORTATION DEPT
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