

## School Bus and Operations Policy

### 1. Purpose:

Vista School Transportation's goal is to provide safe transportation to and from school for students. These rules and regulations are for the student's safety.

### 2. Policy:

Vista School is responsible for the safe transportation of students who ride the school bus. Vista School reserves the right to suspend bus privileges for behavior reasons to ensure the safety of all riders. The school bus is an extension of the school building.

### 3. Procedure:

3.1. Eligibility: Parents must sign up on Vista's website to be eligible to ride the school bus. Students will be put on a list and when a spot becomes available, parents will be notified.

3.2. The school bus is an extension of the school. Students are expected to follow the school bus rules on the bus.

#### 3.2.1. Rules for Bus Riders:

3.2.1.1. Be respectful, responsible, and safe.

3.2.1.2. Stay seated while bus is moving.

3.2.1.3. Keep yourself and your belongings inside the bus.

3.2.1.4. No food allowed.

3.3. Parents are responsible to get children to and from bus stops. Until the student steps on the school bus, parents are responsible for their child's safety and conduct.

3.4. Vista School Bus Drivers who receive reports of student misconduct at or near bus stops should notify parents, administrators, or law enforcement agencies, as necessary.

#### 3.5. Boarding the bus:

3.5.1. Students must board the school bus in a safe and calm way.

3.5.2. Wait for the bus drivers signal before boarding.

3.5.3. Enter the bus one at a time using the handrail.

3.5.4. Go to your seat and sit down immediately.

3.5.5. Place items on your lap or under your seat.

3.6. Conduct while riding the bus:

3.6.1. Remain seated while on the bus.

3.6.2. Keep hands, arms, head, and all parts of the body inside the bus at all times.

3.6.3. Remain facing forward and talk in normal voice tone.

3.6.4. Refrain from loud and or vulgar language.

3.6.5. Food or drink may only be consumed with special permission from the bus driver.

3.7. Exiting the bus:

3.7.1. Stay in your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.

3.7.2. Walk quietly down the aisle keeping your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

3.7.3. Use the handrail when exiting the school bus.

3.8. Removal of Bus Privileges

3.8.1. Behavior that poses a direct threat to the welfare, safety, and morals of the student, other students, school personnel, or to the safe operation of the school bus may result in a loss of bus privileges.

3.8.2. Students who refuse to promptly obey the driver's direction may lose bus privileges.

3.8.3. The principal or designee has permission to implement immediate removal from the bus if such behavior poses a direct threat to themselves or others.

3.8.4. The following are examples of conduct that students will be removed from the bus but not limited to:

- *Possessing drugs, imitation drugs or other controlled substances, or including drug paraphernalia or intent to sell.*
- *Willful destruction or defacing school property.*
- *Exiting any emergency exit in a non-emergency situation.*
- *Possession control or threatened use of a real weapon explosive or noxious flammable material or the sale of.*
- *Actual or threatening language with intent to intimidate another person or to disrupt normal school bus activities.*
- *Sexual harassment or bullying, including verbal intimidation and threats.*