

# Thomas A. Edison Charter School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Student Bus Riders,

OUR #1 GOAL OF EACH DAY IS TO TRANSPORT ALL STUDENT BUS RIDERS SAFELY TO AND FROM SCHOOL. In order to accomplish this goal, we need the cooperation of the student bus riders. Good student behavior while entering, riding, and leaving the bus contributes in many ways to safe transportation. Such conduct makes it possible for the driver to give full attention to the roadway and other drivers.

Please review the following information with your child concerning student conduct on the bus. The primary purpose of rules and procedures on the buses are for the safety of all students. Your child's cooperation in following all rules and procedures is appreciated by the drivers who are the final authority on their bus. Assigned seating according to grade level is a common practice and is up to the driver's discretion. Continued or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. We have Unsatisfactory School Bus Conduct Forms to inform parents of problems on the school bus.

Parents must make sure that school has the correct address where your child will be picked up and delivered and to what bus your student has been assigned. Students will be required to ride the bus to which they have been assigned. For questions concerning buses or drivers, please call Mr. Smallwood, Transportation Coordinator, or Mr. Shelton, Dean of Students. All bus notes must be delivered to the Main Office at the beginning of the school day. Two o'clock (2:00 pm) is the cut off time for bus rider drop-off changes. Buses will not pull into private drives or roads.

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES:

School buses shall be considered an extension of the classroom and students are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. Students being transported in school buses shall comply with the Student Code of Conduct. Behavior which is not permitted includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Being disobedient or disrespectful to the driver
2. Standing or moving around on the bus
3. Sticking head or hands out of a window
4. Throwing object(s) out of a window or inside the bus
5. Loud talking
6. Scuffling, fighting or bullying
7. Using obscene and/or unacceptable language
8. Making obscene gestures to other riders or those outside the bus
9. Littering the bus
10. Disturbing others
11. Tampering with or vandalizing the bus and/or equipment
12. Damaging or destroying bus seats

## CONSEQUENCES\*\*

**First Offense:** The student will have a conference with the Principal and/or his team. Disciplinary action may be taken at that time. The student shall retain bus privileges contingent upon not receiving another bus write-up. The parent/guardian will be notified of the offense.

**Second Offense:** If the student receives a second bus write-up within the same trimester (or within a short space of time), he/she loses bus privileges for 1 to 10 days.

**Third Offense:** The student will lose bus privileges for 1 to 20 days

**Fourth Offense:** The student may lose bus privileges for the remainder of the trimester. If the offense occurs in the last six weeks of a trimester, the student may be suspended for the next trimester. After returning to the bus in the following trimester, if the student receives multiple bus reports, he/she may lose bus privileges for the remainder of the school year. In each instance, the parent shall be notified.

\*\* In the event of initiation and/or participation in a major offense, a student may lose bus privileges for an undetermined length of time.

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## 2016-2017 STUDENT BUS BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

**\*\*Please keep the first page for your records. Sign and return this page only.**

My child and I have read the attached Bus Behavior Contract and my child agrees to follow all bus rules and procedures. We are aware of the consequences if the bus rules and procedures are not followed.

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOMEROOM TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a great year.