



BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**Parent/Student  
Bus Rider Acknowledgement Form**

- The bus is an extension of the classroom.
- Students should cooperate with the driver.
- Students should be courteous: use no profane language or gestures.
- Students should always remain properly seated, facing the front.
- Students should not be destructive or throw objects off of or onto the bus.
- Students should help keep the bus clean.
- Students should keep their hands and feet inside the bus and out of the aisle.
- Students should keep all harmful items (drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, etc.) off the school bus at all times.
- Students should keep food and drink secured and sealed; no eating or drinking is allowed on the bus, nor is the chewing of gum. This includes Friday “food bags” which are sent home. *Activity trips are a possible exception to this rule, with the sponsor taking responsibility for cleaning the bus.*
- Only those items that can be safely held on the lap will be permitted on the school bus.

*This is a portion of the safe bus riding rules and policies: for a complete list of rules and consequences please refer to the district website under the Transportation Page at [BPSBUS.ORG](http://BPSBUS.ORG).*

Riding a school bus is not a right, but a privilege for those who are eligible and are able to abide by the safety rules and regulations. It is not right for a student to be allowed to ride the bus when he or she continues to jeopardize the safety of others. Students who jeopardize the safety of others will not be allowed to ride the bus. The Board of Education understands that having to find alternative transportation to and from school may create a hardship for a family, but believes that student safety is the number one priority. BPS bus drivers accept the responsibility of providing safe transportation for your child to and from school daily. The driver is not there to determine right or wrong nor to settle disputes. The transportation director and school administration will determine the appropriate consequences for any behavior infractions.

Therefore, the school district requires parents and students read and sign this agreement:

*I have read and understand the bus riding regulations. I agree to abide by them.*

Student's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_