

**SAN ILDEFONSO DAY SCHOOL
BUS RULES OF CONDUCT**

THE RIGHT OF A STUDENT TO RIDE A SCHOOL BUS IS CONTINGENT UPON CONTINUOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE BUS SAFETY RULES OF CONDUCT. VIOLATION OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN THE CONSEQUENCES STATED IN THE BUS CONTRACT.

THE DRIVER IS IN FULL CHARGE OF THE STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL BUS. THE DRIVER HAS THE RIGHT TO ASSIGN SEATS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PASSENGERS. STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THEY SIT. ANY DAMAGE INFLICTED TO THE BUS WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE STUDENT(S) ASSIGNED TO THAT SEAT. DAMAGE WILL ALSO BE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS IT IS CONSIDERED AN ACT OF VANDALISM.

1. Students must use only the front door to enter and exit the bus except in an emergency. Tampering with emergency doors, windows, or equipment is prohibited.
2. Students must sit facing forward in the seats. Students must not block the aisles or stairwells, these areas are to remain clear in case of emergency. To prevent injury, students are not allowed to move around while the bus is in motion.
3. Harassment, aggressive behavior, bullying or abusive language or conduct is prohibited.
4. Possession of weapons such as knives, guns, chains or any other dangerous item(s) including laser pointers are prohibited by law.
5. Throwing, spitting, kicking, or shooting items inside the bus or out the windows is hazardous and prohibited.
6. Smoking or chewing tobacco and possession of alcohol or illegal drugs while on the bus is illegal.
7. Use of flame or spark producing device, such as matches, lighters, etc. are prohibited.
8. To prevent injury to students and others no body parts or other object may be extended out a bus window.
9. Students are expected to be quiet at all railroad crossings to allow the driver to concentrate and perform correct procedures and watch for hazards.
10. Students must have written permission form parent/guardian to get off at a bus stop, other than regularly assigned stop.
11. No gum or food is allowed on the bus. Water is allowed; however, misuse of water bottle will result in loss of privilege.

BUS CONTRACT

Student transportation is a privilege, not a right, extended to qualified students. Students who do not obey regulations **as set forth in the Department of Education, Transportation Division, School Bus Driver Manual 1977 Revised,** may have their transportation privileges revoked by school officials.

It is important to remember that the bus drivers are in complete charge of the students who ride on their buses. The Bus Driver's instructions must be followed at all times.

Students must adhere to the following:

- Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- When students are waiting for the bus before school, they must stay in the appointed areas until the bus arrives.

San Ildefonso Day School has outlined procedures and regulations to deal with any misbehavior on the school bus. Students will be disciplined for the following infractions:

- Unacceptable Behavior (Drinking, smoking, chewing gum, eating, excessive noise, profane language, sexual misconduct, or throwing objects are not allowed on the bus.)
- Bringing weapons onto school bus
- Possession and/or use of illegal drugs
- Failure to remain seated
- Refusing to obey driver or bus assistant
- Fighting/pushing/tripping
- Destroying school property
- Other behavior that compromises the safety of self or others

Consequences for Bus Infractions

- 1st Bus Referral: Conference with Student and Parent Notification.
- 2nd Bus Referral: 3 day suspension from bus transportation and Parent Notification
- 3rd Bus Referral: 5 day suspension from bus transportation. Meeting with parent/student/ Principal/ Driver.
- 4th Bus Referral: Student loses bus privileges for the remainder of the year.

If a student chooses to ignore a rule, the principal, upon receipt of a written Bus Conduct Report signed by the driver, will take disciplinary action. The decision will depend largely on the seriousness of the infraction. Serious violations may result in immediate suspension of transportation privileges and possible referral to BIA Law Enforcement. If you have any questions, you may contact the Principal at 505-455-2366.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____