



Beaver County School District 2022-2023

Bus Transportation Student & Parent Disclosure



Dear Parents/Guardians: The safety of your children is of highest priority. All children and their parents are asked to sign this disclosure and contribute to the safe and orderly climate on our school buses. This is a requirement for each student to obtain transportation privileges for transportation to and from school, field trips, activities, and all other bus transportation services. Each student should bring their signed disclosures back to their school office.

RULES FOR STUDENTS – SAFETY FIRST!

1. **Safety & Orderly Conduct - Follow Instructions.** The bus driver is responsible for student safety. This means the bus driver is in charge.
2. **Safety - Hand Sanitizer.** Bus students will be encouraged to use the hand sanitizer dispenser mounted in the bus each time they board.
3. **Safety - Bus Stop, Boarding, & Exiting.** Students must not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus. Students should leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop before the bus is due. Students should observe social distancing protocols while waiting for bus to arrive. Students must cross the street at least 12 feet in front of the school bus and never behind the school bus.
4. **Safety - Remain Seated.** Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion. Bus drivers have latitude to assign seats if needed.
5. **Safety - Be Respectful.** Students are required to be respectful of the bus driver and others. This means students should use appropriate language, respect the authority of the bus driver, respect the bus and equipment, and respect other students. Bullying, inappropriate touching of others, littering and other disrespectful behaviors will not be tolerated. By riding the bus, students have a responsibility to contribute to a safe and orderly climate on the bus. Being respectful promotes safety on school buses.
6. **Safety - School Rules & Laws Apply.** Any school rules and laws which students are subject to are also applicable to bus transportation privileges. This includes disciplinary rules, regulations, laws, safe schools policies and laws, cell phone and electronic device school rules, etc. Obeying rules and laws promotes safety on school buses.
7. **Safety - Seating Charts.** Students being transported to and from school each day will be assigned a seat. Seating assignments will be adjusted to assign family members to be seated next to each other, as well as, provide for as much physical distancing as possible. All route bus drivers will be making sure a seating chart is completed and being used daily.
8. **Safety - Face Mask (optional)** Face covering means a cloth mask or plastic face shield that covers both the nose and mouth. A cloth face covering is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears, or is wrapped around the lower face. A cloth face covering can be made of synthetic or natural fabrics.
9. **Safety - Air Ventilation.** Weather permitting, the two roof hatches and the windows of the bus will be open to allow for cross ventilation of the school bus while students are onboard.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION PROCEDURES

1. When bus & safety rules have been violated, bus drivers are to assess the situation and report immediately the name(s) of students, details of the incident, and factors that may have contributed to the situation directly to the district office.
2. The district office will then review the report and refer the incident to the appropriate school principal for possible disciplinary action.
3. The school principal is the primary person who has authority to determine whether or not disciplinary action is needed and/or whether or not bus privileges should be revoked. The school principal will consider all known past disciplinary problems and other known factors related to the student in conjunction with the school's disciplinary action plan when making this determination.

Bus Transportation is a Privilege. Students who violate the rules for student and bus safety, or violate school rules or laws while on the bus can/will have their bus transportation privileges revoked.



UTAH & SCHOOL DISTRICT RULES – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL

State transportation funds shall be used only for transporting eligible students. A student eligible for state-supported transportation means: 1) a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade six who lives at least 1-1/2 miles from school; or 2) a student enrolled in grades seven through 12 who lives at least 2 miles from school.

Transportation is over routes proposed by local boards and approved by the USOE. Information requested by the USOE shall be provided prior to approval of a route. A route shall: 1) traverse the most direct public route; 2) be reasonably cost effective related to other feasible alternatives; 3) provide adequate safety; 4) traverse roads that are constructed and maintained in a manner that does not cause property damage; and 5) include an economically adequate number of students.

If space is available, students who do not qualify for state supported bus service may be allowed to ride from the nearest existing approved bus stop. (This privilege will not be granted when there are overriding safety issues or other considerations.) This hardship request will be submitted to the BCSD and reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Committee. A recommendation will then be given to the school board for approval. Parents are responsible for the safety of their student(s) traveling to and from the bus stop.

Yes, but again the safety of the student comes first. School officials are concerned first with the safety of students. If a parent or guardian of a child is physically present at another BCSD designated bus stop other than their own, they can verbally request the release of their child from the driver and sign them off the bus (as per BCSD policy of activities requiring transportation of students by bus). It is encouraged to relay this request by written notification in advance to the school administration and to the bus driver. All other requests involving non-designated drop-offs must be approved through a hardship request. This hardship request will be submitted to the BCSD and reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Committee. A recommendation will then be given to the school board for approval.



Print Student Name _____

Date _____

Student Signature _____

Print Parent/Guardian

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature