

# UPTOWN FRANKLIN PARENTS, INC.

## RIDERSHIP CONTRACT & MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

This contract for bus transportation to Benjamin Franklin High School must be completed and submitted to the Corporation for acceptance before your student(s) may be accepted to ride the Corporation Contract bus. Both parent(s), or guardian(s), and the student must agree to abide by the rules of the corporation as outlined herein. By clicking "submit" on the online form, the student and guardian(s) agree to the terms. The terms and conditions contained within the Membership Agreement and Ridership Contract were presented to, voted upon, and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Uptown Franklin Parents, Inc. ("Corporation")

**ONE-WAY AND OCCASIONAL RIDERS:** Contract and full-service fee required. No discounted service fees are allowed.

- A. **PAYMENT & SERVICE FEES:** Riders must pay a **Nonrefundable Annual Service Fee** in the amounts and by the due dates specified for the service. **Please make all payments online. See [www.bfhsla.org/transportation](http://www.bfhsla.org/transportation).**
- B. **PRIORITY FOR RIDERS:** Priority for seats on the bus will be given to existing riders if commitment is made by the announced deadline, then to siblings of existing riders, then to new riders based on the date that the new application is received.
- C. **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:** The Corporation may recommend refusal of Service for the following conduct:
- Smoking or vaping on the bus (prohibited by state law).
  - Bringing weapons, animals, or anything else which may injure others on the bus.
  - Involvement in any kind of vandalism. Those involved will be required to pay for damages before being reinstated.
  - Throwing anything inside or outside of the bus.
  - Petting, passionate gestures, kissing, or use of profane language.
  - Any flagrant anti-social behavior.
  - Switching from the assigned bus to another of the buses without the approval of the Corporation.
  - Any other behavior deemed inappropriate by a majority of the Members of the Board of Directors or the Corporation.
  - Any and all violations of the attached Ridership Rules (see page 2).

The corporation reserves the right to record either in audio or video format any rider on the bus. Said recordings are for security and documentation of activities on the bus. By riding the bus, the rider consents recording. The Corporation may issue a warning to the offender, choose to refuse service, or take other appropriate action, at its sole discretion. The parent(s) or guardian(s) and the student must request a Committee Hearing meeting. However, the request for a Hearing shall NOT suspend the action taken. Both parents (or guardians) and the student must be present at such a meeting. The hearing will be held before a special hearing committee, convened under the rules of the Corporation, whose determination shall be final.

- D. **SCHEDULING OF SERVICE:** At the beginning of the school year, the pick-up and return schedule for the bus will be published and distributed. Only minor time or stop location adjustments needed to assure proper arrival at school will be made thereafter. If necessary, the bus schedule will be adjusted during exam periods in order to accommodate the majority of the students. It is the responsibility of the parents, or guardians, to inform the Corporation of a student's change in status during the school year. Notice to the bus driver is not acceptable. Ridership is based on a minimum of a certain number of students per bus, with a maximum of 50 students per bus. If insufficient riders are available, the service may be canceled and spent money refunded. If unforeseen expenses are encountered, including a shortfall in the number of riders, remaining riders will be required to share this on an equally divided basis.
- E. **WAIVER OF LIABILITY:** The undersigned parents, or guardians, and Student agree to hold harmless the Uptown Franklin Parents, Inc., its officers, and/or the members of its Board of Directors, for any Liability arising out of any actions or situations which may occur while the student is on the bus or on the way to or from the bus. The bus contractor will be required to carry the standard liability insurance for bodily injury, property damage, etc., required of such carriers.
- F. **MEDICAL INSURANCE:** The undersigned parents, or guardians, and students understand that no medical payment insurance is provided by the Corporation and each agrees to enroll in school accident insurance or its equivalent.
- G. **CANCELLATION:** The Corporation reserves the right to cancel service should continuation of the service become infeasible or impossible for any reasons the Corporation deems appropriate.

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### RIDERSHIP RULES:

#### BUS PASS:

1. All riders **MUST** show a bus pass assigned to them when entering the bus or the student will not be allowed to ride.
2. Bus passes must be affixed to the student ID card.
3. All riders must stay on their assigned bus(es) and may not switch back and forth from buses unless a special arrangement has been cleared between the rider, the parent/guardian, the driver and the route director.
4. Students **MAY NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES** give their bus pass to another student in an attempt to allow that student to ride the bus.
5. If a Student should lose their bus pass, a replacement may be ordered on the CheddarUp site for a fee. Replacement passes may be picked up in the front office at the school.

#### BUS STOPS:

1. Be at your stop **ten (10) minutes before** the appointed time. The bus driver WILL NOT wait for you so as to not delay the entire route.
2. Keep off private property.
3. Enter the bus one at a time.
4. Do not push. Stay in line. Wait until the bus stops completely.
5. Fighting will not be tolerated, and/or any other type of harassment.
6. Do not play games while waiting.
7. Riders must enter and exit the bus at designated pickup and dropoff locations.

#### BEHAVIOR ON THE BUS:

1. Obey the bus driver at all times
2. Keep the middle aisle clear.
3. Do not change places once the bus is in motion.
4. Keep the bus clean and sanitary. **NO EATING OR DRINKING.**
5. No alcoholic beverages (prohibited by state law).
6. Do not talk or sing too loudly. The driver must be able to hear sirens, etc.
7. Do not play music (cell phone / bluetooth speakers) out loud on the bus.
8. Do not touch the handle of, or lean on, the emergency door.
9. No student is permitted to extend any part of his or her body outside of the bus.
10. Nothing is to be thrown out of the bus.
11. Do not bring animals, weapons, or other articles, which may injure other riders.
12. Do not fight with, curse at, or disobey the bus driver.
13. Never leave the bus from the rear, except in an emergency.
14. Do not destroy the bus driver's property or that of any other rider.
15. Proper clothing is required at all times.
16. Occasionally three riders per seat will be necessary.

#### EXITING THE BUS:

1. Do not leave your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.
2. Leave the bus one at a time.
3. Do not push.
4. Always cross a street in front of the bus. If you must cross in front of the bus, be sure you are at least five feet (5') in front of the front bumper. Be sure the way is clear before you cross the street.
5. Go immediately to your home, or classroom, if at school.

**Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Contract will result in the loss of bus service to your Student(s).**

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