Hardy County Schools *Student Transportation Rules*

Student(s) Name(s):_____

Parent Signature:_____



BUS RULES

- Be on time for your bus - at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- Find a seat as soon as you board the bus. Do not leave your seat while the bus is moving. Face the front of the bus at all times and stay seated until it stops.
- Share your seat with others as instructed by your driver.
- Keep your hands and head inside the bus at all times.
- Keep all objects (gym bags, instruments, school projects) out of the aisle at all times.
- The school bus is a quiet zone. You must speak in a quiet voice. Yelling, loud laughing or loud talking is a distraction to the driver and may cause an accident.
- Keep the bus clean. You are responsible for picking up any trash you see on the bus.
- No eating or drinking on the bus.
- **NO AEROSOL OF ANY KIND: COLOGNE, HAIRSPRAY, BODY SPRAY, ETC. AUTOMATIC 5 DAY BUS SUSPENSION MINIMUM AND MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE BUS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.**
- Be respectful to others and their belongings.
- **ALWAYS follow the directions of the bus driver.**

Other important information:

Inclement Weather Procedures:

- Announcement regarding school closings at times of inclement weather conditions and other causes will be made over radio and TV stations, social media and School Messenger Call. Parents and students should not call the radio stations for such information.
- Information will also be provided through the Hardy County Schools app.
- For information regarding bus routes, to notify our office of a change in address, or for further questions, please contact Erana Price, Secretary of Transportation, 304-530-2348 ext. 9226
- When permitted by school rules and as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment, students may use PODs before and after school, during their lunch break, during after-school activities (e.g. extracurricular activities) and at school-related functions. Students may use PODs while riding to and from school on a school bus or other vehicle provided by the Board or on a school bus or Board-provided vehicle during school-sponsored activities, at the discretion of the bus driver, classroom teacher or sponsor/advisor/ coach. Distracting behavior that creates an unsafe environment will not be tolerated.
- However, when directed to do so by a school employee, PODs shall be powered completely off (not just placed into vibrate or silent mode) and stored out of sight. The requirement that PODs must be powered completely off will not apply in a circumstance when a student obtains prior written approval from the building administrator (e.g. an ill family member or a personal health condition).

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Any misconduct or violations related to student behavior on the school bus will have consequences that continue into the following academic year.

Level of Behavior	Examples	Consequences of Misbehavior • Three documented Level I behaviors justify a Level II Disciplinary Action. • Three documented Level II behaviors justify a Level III Disciplinary Action.
Level I	• Not staying seated while bus is moving. • Not sharing seats with others. • Not keeping the bus clean. • Eating or drinking on the bus without the permission of the driver. • Using cameras or recording devices at any time on the school bus. • Not following the bus driver's directions as soon as they are issued.	**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:** • VERBAL WARNING • TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT ASSIGNED SEAT • BEHAVIOR CONTRACT • ONE TO THREE DAYS OF SCHOOL DETENTION (LUNCH/RECESS/AFTER SCHOOL)
Level II	• Bullying • Not keeping hands, head and feet inside the bus. • Throwing any object on the bus or out of the bus. • Vandalizing the bus or personal property. • Acting in a disrespectful or defiant manner toward the bus driver or another passenger. • Exiting the bus at an unauthorized location.	**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:** • ASSIGNED PERMANENT SEAT • TWO TO FIVE DAYS DETENTION • ONE TO FIVE DAYS BUS SUSPENSION • ONE TO THREE DAYS SCHOOL SUSPENSION
Level III	• Threaten or strike a staff member. • Endanger the safety of others with a bomb threat, make threatening or illegal telephone calls, make unauthorized use of the fire alarm equipment or make terroristic threats. • Cause significant vandalism to school or personal property. • Possess or use tobacco products on school grounds or at school functions. • Possess or use controlled or illegal substances such as alcohol or other drugs on school grounds or at school functions. • Possess or use any weapon, object that looks like a weapon, or object that can be used as a weapon (such as scissors, nail clippers, box cutter, pocket knife, knife, matches, lighter, open flame) on school grounds, the bus or at school functions. • Perform or attempt to perform arson. • Exhibit lewd or indecent exposure. • Commit major theft of school or personal property. • Inflicting injury or bodily harm to another individual. • Break or enter any school district vehicle. • Hitting/Fighting	**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:** • 3 - 10 DAY SUSPENSION OR LOSS OF PRIVILEGES • EXPULSION • REFERRAL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT