

## POTTSTOWN FARE-PAYING BUS TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT ID #: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY PARENT CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*We, the above-named student and guardian, understand and consent to the following transportation agreement outlining rules and responsibilities when utilizing CMD transportation services before and after school while on the fare-paying bus. We understand that failure to follow these rules and responsibilities means that we forfeit the privilege of utilizing these transportation services. We also commit to being a positive and constructive member of the community by cooperating with bus company officials and School District officials regarding any and all situations that may occur in or around bus transportation services. We further understand and agree that our actions contribute to our own safety and the safety of those around us. Finally, we understand that any failure to be safe or to jeopardize the safety of those around us and any failure to adhere to the rules and responsibilities set forth below means a forfeiture of the privilege of utilizing the fare-paying transportation services.*

*Likewise, CMD, the fare-paying transportation service provider commits to timely and safe travel at pre-established locations, obeying all the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation applicable rules and laws of the road. When situations occur that would change or deviate from the predicted schedule, CMD, as the transportation service provider, will commit to informing anyone affected as quickly as possible. Road conditions such as construction or weather-related delays are outside the control of the transportation service provider but every effort will be made to stay on schedule and safety will be the number one priority of all bus drivers and CMD employees.*

1. It is understood that this service is for students in the Pottstown School District only. No other students or adults are permitted to use this service.
2. Students must display their student ID's to the bus driver before getting on to the bus. If/when ID card readers are installed, students will use them each time they board the bus, and must willingly identify themselves if asked by the bus driver.
3. The bus driver is the authority figure and is in charge of all students on the bus. This means that all (legal) directions given to students must be followed.
4. A seating chart may be created each year. The school and/or bus driver may change a student's assigned or unassigned seat for any reason.
5. No student may eat, chew gum, drink, bring any type of radio, smoke, or vape on the bus.
6. Foul language or disrespect to bus drivers will not be tolerated.
7. Talking between students is allowed, if conducted in a low tone of voice, not disturbing the bus driver or other students.

8. No bullying, harassment, or foul or abusive language toward other students on the bus will be tolerated. "We were just messing around" or "He/She is my friend" are not acceptable reasons for this type of behavior and will not be tolerated.
9. Students shall not put any part of their body outside the windows or throw objects in or out of the bus.
10. Parents shall be held responsible for any damage to buses by students.
11. Parents are not permitted to board a fare-paying bus-
12. Electronic devices may be permitted for personal use on school buses with parental permission. CMD Transportation is not responsible for any device on the bus: devices are the student's responsibility.
13. Bus stops are pre-established and non-negotiable. Requesting/demanding to be taken to a different location will not be permitted.
14. Any safety violations such as disorderly conduct, physical contact with the driver, physical or verbal abuse toward the driver, trying to exit using any door or window at an unassigned time, or other actions that jeopardize the safety of the bus may result in loss of fare-paying privileges indefinitely and in referral to the Pottstown Police Department.
15. Violations of this agreement may result in any of the following actions:
  - a. Verbal Warning to the student
  - b. Parent Notification and/or School Notification
  - c. CMD revocation of fare-paying privileges for a set time, depending on the severity of the offense.
  - d. CMD revocation of fare-paying privileges permanently.

\*\*\*The severity of the violation will determine the consequences as listed above.

By signing this agreement, we voluntarily consent to abide by the rules and responsibilities above any time our student uses the fare-paying services provided by CMD.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT SIGNATURE:

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

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CMD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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