



Merit Preparatory Academy Transportation Liability Waiver

Bus transportation is available to Merit Academy Students at the cost of \$60 a semester for the first student, and \$10 a semester for each additional student. **Payments are due Friday, August 23th, 2024 for the first semester and Friday, January 10th, 2025 for the second semester. If payment is not received by the above due dates your student(s) will not be eligible to ride the bus and their spot will be given to the next student(s) on the waiting list.**

Students must have their bus pass each day to ride. Lost/stolen bus passes are \$10 to replace.

I request transportation for my student _____ to ride the bus for the 2024-25 school year. I agree to pay for the bus and understand if I fail to pay my student will not be allowed to ride the bus until payment has been made.

I also understand it is my responsibility to notify the school if my student is no longer riding the bus and that I will be charged for the bus until the notice has been given.

I hereby agree to hold harmless Merit Preparatory Academy, its volunteers, trustees and/or employees, and its owner and agents from any and all liability of whatsoever nature and injuries, sickness, or other damages suffered during his or her transportation to Merit Preparatory Academy, including but not limited to all claims for compensation, bodily injuries, and property damages whether arising out of alleged negligence.

I authorize emergency medical treatment in the event of an accident. I/We understand that every reasonable effort to notify us will be taken upon learning of an accident and/or prior to rendering emergency treatment.

Address (include city) of student riding the bus

Print Student's Full Name

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Emergency Telephone Number

Date

Please read and sign that you understand and agree to obey all bus rules found on the back side of this sheet.

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Bus Rules

1. Students are expected to be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled stop time.
2. Keep arms, hands, legs, feet, head, and all other body parts in the bus at all times.
3. Students must remain in their seats at all times. No standing or jumping on the seats.
4. Do not block the aisle way and keep your legs in your own seat area at all times. Sit up straight in your seat and do not stick your legs over the seat in front or behind you.
5. No vandalism. If you are caught, you will pay for any damages and the police may be called.
6. Windows can only be half way down. Students must not throw any object in / out of the windows.
7. Do not leave your garbage on the bus and help us keep the bus clean.
8. Students may be assigned seats by the driver and referred to Administration.
9. No hazardous items shall be carried on the bus, including but not limited to; animals (except legal service animals), drugs, skis, glass objects, flammables, weapons etc. Skateboards, scooters, or large objects are allowed per the direction of the driver of where they are to be stored.
10. If a student is participating in any bullying or fighting they will be suspended from the bus. Ticket warnings will not be given, and bus transportation fees will not be refunded.
11. School buses stop only at authorized stops.
12. The bus driver may instruct students how to cross in front of the bus.
13. Students who refuse to obey the directions of the driver may forfeit their privilege to ride the bus.

Tickets and warning policies:

1st Ticket - Transportation Director and parents are notified (bus pass may be confiscated temporarily)

2nd Ticket - 2 week bus suspension (bus pass may be confiscated)

3rd Ticket - Full year suspension and will meet with parents and Director (bus pass will be confiscated)

A student can be suspended temporarily or permanently by the administration after a conference with the bus driver and parent or guardian. Bus fees will not be refunded to students who are suspended from the bus.

I have read and agree to follow all bus rules, the bus driver's directions, and behave properly while I am riding the bus and waiting at the bus stops. I understand if I do not do this I will not be permitted to ride the bus, and I will not be given a refund of any prepaid bus fees.

Parent's Signature

Student's Signature