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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Due to the importance of our students' safety and COVID 19, the following changes have been made to our Transportation Program. I have also included a list of the regular bus rules for your review. Please go over the rules with your child/children. M-GSD greatly appreciates your solidarity and support.

- 1. Students are required to wear facemasks on the school bus (Parents are responsible for supplying their child/children with a mask daily.)*
- 2. All Students will sit in assigned seats. (This will assist us with contact tracing.)*
- 3. Each student must ride his/her assigned bus to and from school. Students will only be allowed one (1) address for bus pickup and one (1) address for bus drop off. (Bus Passes are no longer allowed – No Exceptions.)*
4. Students are expected to be at their bus stop five (5) minutes prior to their morning scheduled pick-up time.
5. Students are to wait back from the road, until the bus comes to a complete stop. Students will need to watch for the driver's directions before crossing in front of the bus.
6. Students are expected to follow the driver's directions the first time they are given. The drivers are responsible for the safety of all students on the bus and must have the cooperation of everyone to do their job.
7. Aisles of the bus must be kept clear of books, lunches, boxes, musical instruments, and items which could be a safety hazards. (If toys, basketballs, footballs, etc. are taken to school for a specific purpose, they must be secured in a bag.) Balloons will not be allowed on buses at any time.
8. Normal school conduct is expected and required including the respect for others. Teasing or forms of harassment will be dealt with accordingly.
9. Regular school regulations apply on school buses with smoking, profanity, and indecent conduct being prohibited.
10. Student actions in relation to passing motorists and nearby pedestrians are to always reflect favorable upon themselves and the school district.

11. Pushing, shoving or fighting is a safety violation that cannot be tolerated. For the safety of all, be courteous on the bus.
12. No one is to be in front of the white line on the bus!
13. Students are expected to display the same conduct and dress code on the bus as they are expected to display in the classroom. The bus is school property and the same levels of discipline are expected on all school property.
14. Students are expected to sit in seats assigned by the drivers unless the driver gives permission to move.
15. Students are to talk quietly and respectfully – loud or profane language is not tolerated.
16. Students will remain in their seats while the bus is in motion. The seats in a school bus are designed to protect the student in the event of a sudden stop. To be effective, the student must be seated and facing forward.
17. Students are to keep their hands, arms, and objects to themselves and inside the bus. Students can be injured by limbs or other hazards if they have any part of their body outside the bus while the bus is moving. Any violations of this could result in a day suspension from the bus.
18. Use of controlled substances, alcohol and tobacco are prohibited on the bus as well as any place on school grounds. This is a serious offense that could result in loss of bus privileges in addition to consequences at school.
19. Students are expected to help keep the bus clean and respect the bus equipment. The school bus is designed to provide a comfortable way to and from school and to give the maximum amount of protection to the students in an emergency. Students are not to have food, candy, gum, or drinks on the bus. Students and parents will be held financially responsible for any damage resulting from vandalism.
20. Students are not allowed to bring animals, flammable materials, or large items that cannot fit in the seat with the student. Aisles must remain clear to allow for an emergency exit.
21. Students that are caught littering out of the bus windows may be suspended from the bus for the semester and may be subject to a fine for littering.
22. Pencils, pens, markers, crayons, paper, etc. are to remain in book bags.
23. Students are not to adjust window levels without permission of the bus driver. Violation of this could result in loss of bus privileges as well as other consequences at school.

Riding the bus is a privilege; not a right.

The rules are in place to comply with state and federal laws, to ensure the safety of all students.

Violation of any rule, may require the district to revoke your student's transportation privileges.

Thank you,

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