

NIS Student Bus Agreement

Learning at NIS is a partnership between students, teachers and parents. For this reason it is very important that we agree to demonstrate behaviors that will help to ensure safety, international mindedness and optimal learning at NIS.

Please become familiar with the following bus expectations and demonstrate them on a daily basis.

NIS School Bus Agreements

Our main concern for students is their safety while riding to and from school. The buses are provided with seat belts and there are bus rules that will help create a safe environment on the bus. We appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Note: While each bus is monitored by a camera, they do not have adult supervisors.

To promote safety while riding the school buses, bus riders are encouraged to follow the following rules:

- Remain in assigned seat with seat belt on at all times.
- Refrain from throwing objects.
- Windows are to remain closed.
- Talking to or interrupting the bus driver is not allowed.
- Refrain from hanging from overhead racks.
- The bus will not move until all passengers are seated at all stops.
- All seats must be filled before jump seats are used by MS/HS students only.
- Be kind and considerate to other riders.
- Noise must be kept at an appropriate level. Refrain from singing, loud conversations and other distracting noises, including "inappropriate/rude language". Only CD's and video games with private earphones can be used on the bus.
- Games should be shared only with the person sitting in the same seat.
- Healthy foods may be eaten on the bus provided all litter is placed in trash bags. Chewing gum, ice cream, carbonated drinks or drinks in non-resealable drinks including juice boxes are not permitted on the bus.
- Students must have a written note or timely phone call (by 2:30pm) by their parents to the office in order to ride on another bus or get off at a different stop.



Consequences If the Bus Agreements Are Not Followed

When a bus agreement is broken or safety threatened, the Principal will meet with the offending student(s). A five stage consequence process will be followed.

- **Stage 1:** Warning – offending students will receive a verbal warning.
- **Stage 2:** A bus citation form will be issued and sent home for parents to sign and return to school. Parents are asked to help correct their child's behavior on the bus.
- **Stage 3:** A second bus citation form will be issued and sent home for parents to sign and return to school. Parents are asked to help correct their child's behavior on the bus.
- **Stage 4:** When a student receives a third bus citation form for the same offence, he or she may be suspended from riding the bus for up to one week. Parents will receive a copy of the third bus citation form. Parents will be responsible for providing alternative transportation to and from school during this time.
- **Stage 5:** When a student receives a fourth bus citation form for the same offence, he or she may be suspended from riding the bus for one month or more. The Principal will send a letter home to be signed by the parents and returned to school. Parents will be responsible for providing alternative transportation to and from school during this time.

*** Please note that in case of exceptional misconduct a student may be moved directly to stage 4 or 5.