

# Shelby Public Schools Bus Contract

Dear Parents:

State law does not require school districts to provide bus transportation. Therefore, riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right. To retain that privilege, the following rules and regulations must be followed:

- Students must be at their bus stop five (5) minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus. Drivers will not stop if no one is at the bus stop. To keep on schedule, students should be waiting for the bus, buses cannot wait for the students.
- Any students needing to be dropped off any place other than their regular stop **MUST HAVE A NOTE SIGNED BY THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE**. No one will be taken any place other than his/her regular stop without this signed note. Young children (pre-school through second grade) will NOT be dropped off unless an appropriate adult is home. If no one appears to be at home, the child will be brought back to his/her school.
- Bus drivers have been instructed to issue a bus ticket anytime the bus rules are not followed. The consequences for receiving a bus ticket are as follows:

First Ticket: The principal will talk with the student and issue a warning.  
Second Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for one day.  
Third Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for three days.  
Fourth Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for five days.  
Fifth Ticket: The student will be suspended from riding all buses to and from school for the remainder of the school year.

Bus tickets must be signed by the parent/guardian and the yellow copy must be returned to the driver before the child can ride any bus. Signing the bus ticket indicates the parent saw the ticket and not that he/she necessarily agree with it.

1. Bus suspensions only count when the student is in attendance at school.
2. All tickets issued the last week of school will carry over to the following school year.
3. Principals will dictate when the suspensions are to be served, usually within two days of when the ticket is issued.
4. Any vandalism or damage to a school bus may result in suspension from riding all buses to and from school for the remainder of the school year and the student will be charged for the cost of repairs.
5. Serious infractions can result in immediate suspension from riding all buses for up to the remainder of the school year or longer, based on the decision of the building principal.

This contract supersedes all handbook policies regarding bus transportation. This contract must be signed by each student and his/her parents/guardians and returned to the principal's office of his/her respective school before the start of school, or immediately upon enrollment.