

Driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus# \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Middlesex County Public Schools

### **BUS RULES**

**\*\*The Middlesex County Public Schools recognizes that riding the bus is a privilege and not a requirement. As such, we expect our students and parents to understand the same.\*\***

1. All riders will remain properly seated while on the school bus.
2. All riders will keep objects and themselves inside the bus.
3. No rider will litter or damage the bus.
4. There will be no food or drink permitted on the school bus unless in a sealed container.  
(NOTE: Any rider caught eating or drinking on the bus will be subject to the referral process)
5. Riders will keep aisles clear at all times. This includes body parts and belongings.
6. Throwing objects, fighting, obscene language or gestures are forbidden.
7. All riders will refrain from talking loudly or bullying on the bus.
8. The bus driver is required to assign seats on their bus. This means that each rider will be required to sit in that assigned seat any time they ride the bus.
9. No smoking or drugs shall be allowed in the bus.
10. Cell phone and personal computers are allowed on the bus but with the following restrictions:
  - a. Phones should be in vibrate or silence mode during the entire route.
  - b. No picture/video taking with these items shall be permitted.
  - c. Music, videos and/or games shall be permitted only if ear buds are worn and/or the phone volume is off.
  - d. No person should be using their phone to make calls unless there is an emergency.
  - e. There shall be absolutely NO SHARING of personal phones or personal computers/games.
  - f. No rider should allow persons not seated with them to view their phone or PC.
  - g. These items should be used in a professional matter as to not disturb the driver or other riders on the bus.

(NOTE: The bus driver has the authority to confiscate any phone, computer, game, etc . . . after the rider has been warned of a violation. If the behavior continues, the bus driver will ask for the item(s) to be brought to the front of the bus and it will be returned once the student reaches their destination. If the rider chooses not to hand over the item to the driver, the local authorities will be called to respond to have the student removed from the bus.)

11. Always cooperate with the bus driver.

**\*\*Bus riders shall meet all expectations as described in the Student Code of Conduct and Transportation Regulations\*\***

STUDENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**(NOTE: This document must be returned to the driver no later than September 6, 2013 or disciplinary consequences could be incurred, up to and including termination of bus riding privileges for the remainder of the year)**