

**South Newton Schools
2015-2016 Bus Consent Form**

Bus#: _____

Bus Stop (if not rural route): _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Address (No P.O. Box): _____

Town: _____

Phone#: _____

After School Bus

Bus#: _____

Bus Stop (if not rural route): _____

Provider's Name: _____

Provider's Address: _____

Provider's Phone#: _____

Alternate Bus (EMERGENCY PLAN)

If South Newton School Corporation must announce an emergency dismissal from school due to weather or an unforeseen event, the student will return home on the SAME BUS THEY RIDE TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. If your child goes to a daycare provider after school, it is necessary for the student and the school to know what alternate bus the student should ride in the event of an emergency dismissal.

Ride on emergency dismissal only: _____

Can your student proceed home without a parent/guardian at the bus stop? Yes No

I have read and understand the Regulations for Students Riding School Buses (on page 2 of this form) and agree to assume full responsibility for my child(ren)'s conduct on said buses.

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

*****FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS, NO BUS
CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER 2:00PM.*****

SOUTH NEWTON SCHOOLS
Regulations for Pupils Riding School Buses

School bus transportation is authorized only for pupils regularly enrolled in a public school in kindergarten through grade twelve. The transportation department of the South Newton Schools provides you with the best equipment and drivers and with the safest program possible. The following regulations are furnished for your information and compliance. We ask your cooperation.

AT BUS STOPS

- *Be on time. The bus cannot wait beyond its regular schedule for those who are tardy. Be at the bus stop five minutes before bus is scheduled to arrive.*
- *Always cross in front of the bus and at a safe distance in front of the bus in order to be seen by the bus driver's signal.*
- *Do not run toward or run across the street in front of a school bus while it is in motion.*
- *Never stand in the road while waiting for the bus. Wait in an orderly line off highway or street. Wait until the bus stops, watch for the driver's signal and then walk to the door and board the bus in an orderly manner. **DO NOT PUSH AND SHOVE.***
- *Pupils shall board the bus and immediately take their assigned seat and not move within the bus while it is in motion.*
- *Remember that fighting at bus stops and on the way to and from school bus stops is subject to disciplinary action (to be reported to the school principal or administrative assistant).*

RIDING THE BUS

- *The driver is in charge of the bus and pupils. Follow directions the first time they are given.*
- *Pupils shall ride their assigned bus and occupy their assigned seat.*
- *No persons other than those assigned to the bus shall be allowed to ride another school bus except in the event of an emergency. Permission from the principal must be obtained in order to ride a different bus.*
- *Report promptly to the driver any damage done to the bus. Persons causing damage shall be expected to defray the full cost of repairs before riding privileges are restored.*
- *Pupils shall not engage in any activity which might divert the driver's attention away from driving the bus and cause an accident, such as but not limited to: a) loud talking, or laughing, or unnecessary confusion. b) Unnecessary conversation with the driver. c) Extending any part of the body out of the windows or doors. The following activities are prohibited at all times:
*Improper behavior to include: insolence, disobedience, vulgarity, foul language, fighting, pushing, shoving, and similar offensive acts smoking on the bus, eating or drinking on the bus, possessing knives or sharp objects, bringing animals on the bus, throwing articles or objects in or from the bus tampering with mechanical equipment, accessories or controls of the bus, placing musical instruments or other articles at the door by the driver, obstructing the aisle in any manner occupying more space in a seat than required (all items which students bring on a bus must be held in lap of the student and can not protrude into the seating area of other students), littering the bus, violating school dress code while riding the bus.**

- **Violations of the Rules and Regulations for Riding a School Bus will result in the following actions:**
 1. *First Offense - Bus Driver may have a talk with the pupil.*
 2. *Second Offense - A Misconduct Report may be filed with the principal and parent or guardian. Pupil may not be allowed back on the bus until parent has signed and pupil returns a copy of Misconduct Report to the driver. The driver may suspend student for one day and parents will be notified by the driver.*
 3. *Third Offense - A second Misconduct Report is filed and principal may suspend bus riding privileges for not less than (2) days nor more than (10) days.*
 4. *Fourth Offense - A third Misconduct Report is filed and principal may suspend bus riding privileges for the remainder of school year.*
- **Some offenses are of such a serious nature that they can be deemed to warrant suspension of bus riding privileges without following the procedures outlined above. Included in these offenses are, but not limited to the following:**
 1. *use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or narcotics*
 2. *Fighting or scuffling*
 3. *Use of profane language*
 4. *Throwing objects (No food, candy or beverages allowed on bus)*
 5. *Vandalism (As a minimum, must pay for damages before privileges are restored.)*
 6. *Using, operating, or tampering with the operation or controls of the school bus*
 7. *Failure to ride only the assigned bus or a student's refusal to occupy their assigned seat.*
 8. *Failure to comply with the authority of the bus driver on the regulations of pupils riding the school bus*
 9. *Possession of a fire arm or weapons*

ON THE TRIP HOME

- *Passengers are permitted to leave the bus only at the regular, designated stop except in the event of an emergency. Permission from the school principal must be obtained in order to leave the bus at a different stop.*
- *If a pupil lives on the opposite side of the road from the bus stop, the pupil should go to the front of the bus and wait until the driver gives the signal to cross the road. **NEVER** cross the road in the rear of a stopped school bus.*

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

- *Any complaints of drivers, pupils, or parents shall be reported promptly to the Director of Transportation then to the principal or administrative assistant.*
- *Parents should report any misconduct on school buses to the principal or administrative assistant.*
- *Parents should report all traffic hazards and the bus numbers of all buses observed being operated carelessly; call the Transportation Department, 219-474-5167.*
- *Parents should emphasize to their students the need to observe extreme caution when approaching bus stops, moving buses, or stopped buses.*
- *Parents should see that their children are at the bus stop five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.*