CLYDE CISD P. O. Box 479 Clyde, Texas 79510



TRANSPORTATION DEPT 211 S. 1st Street West Clyde, Texas 79510

To Parents of Student Bus Riders:

<u>Our #1 goal each day is to transport all student bus riders safely to and from school</u>. In order to accomplish this goal, we need the cooperation of other drivers on the road and student bus riders. Good student behavior while entering, riding, and leaving the bus contribute in many ways to safe transportation. Such conduct makes it possible for the driver to give full attention to the roadway and other drivers.

Please take a few minutes to review with your child the information below concerning student conduct on the bus. The primary purpose of rules and procedures on the buses are for the safety of all students. Your child's cooperation in following all rules and procedures is appreciated by the drivers.

You must make sure the school has the correct address where your child will be picked up and delivered and to what bus your student has been assigned. Students will be required to ride the <u>one</u> bus to which they have been assigned. Details of this policy are on the back of this letter.

Cameras have been installed in every school bus. This will aide in the safety of all students riding school buses. For routing questions or problems concerning buses or drivers please call:

Transportation Dept 893-3225 or 668-0235

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES:

School buses shall be considered an extension of the classroom and students are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. Students being transported in school-owned vehicles shall comply with the Student Code of Conduct. Behavior which is not permitted includes but is not limited to the following:

Major Offences

- 1. Being disobedient or disrespectful to the driver.
- 2. Standing or moving around while the bus is in motion.
- 3. Sticking your head or hands out of the bus window.
- 4. Throwing object(s) out of a window.
- 5. Using tobacco
- 6. Scuffling or fighting
- 7. Eating or drinking on the bus.(Zero Tolerance on Food Allergy Buses)
- 8. Tampering with the bus and/or equipment.
- 9. Possessing or being under the influence of marijuana, alcohol, a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or a "look-alike" (something represented to be a prohibited substance).

Should the rules be broken, the following consequences will be involved: FIRST BUS REPORT:

The student will have a conference with the principal, or designee, and/or other disciplinary action may be taken. The student will retain bus privileges contingent upon not receiving another report. The parent will be notified of the offense, the conference, or other disciplinary action.*

SECOND BUS REPORT:

The student will lose bus privileges for up to ten (5) days.*

Third BUS REPORT:

The student will lose bus privileges for up to ten (10) days.*

Fourth BUS REPORT:

The student may lose bus privileges for the remainder of the year. In each instance the parents will be notified.*

Minor Offences (Includes but not limited to the following)

- 1. Disruptive loud talking or laughing.
- 2. Using obscene and/or unacceptable language.
- 3. Littering the bus.
- 4. Disturbing others.
- 5. Eating or drinking on the bus.

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CLYDE CISD BUS RIDER POLICY

Clyde CISD Bus Drivers and Administrators are dedicated to safely transporting your student(s) to and from school. To accomplish this task, Clyde Schools **must** enforce the bus policy below:

Students will be required to ride the <u>one</u> bus to which they have been assigned. This means students will not be able to ride different buses to and from school each day. There will be a few exceptions granted but the guidelines for exceptions will be very limited. Examples of an acceptable exception would be: A student who rides the bus from his home each morning but rides a different bus to his/her grandparent's home after school or if a parent's work schedule for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday is different from Tuesday and Thursday—requiring different bus schedules, as long as the schedule does not change weekly. The exception for students riding more than one bus can be made by calling your Transportation Department. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER 3:00 PM.

Parents will no longer be able to call the campus and have a message sent to their student(s) to ride a different bus if they have not been granted an exception by the <u>Transportation Department</u>.

Clyde CISD implemented this bus policy for the safety and security of the students. Frequent bus changes make it difficult for bus drivers to monitor riders and to know where each student disembarks each day. Students riding buses to destinations outside their normal routine has become a major issue in Clyde CISD.

If your student rides only one bus to and from school, you will need to take no action. If you need to establish an exception to this new policy for your student, please call the Transportation office at 893-3225 and the appropriate campus to make your request. Campus numbers are as follows:

Clyde High School—325-893-2161 Clyde Junior High—325-893-5788 Clyde Intermediate—325-893-2815 Clyde Elementary—325-893-4788

Clyde CISD understands that this policy could place a hardship on some families; however, we feel we must establish a procedure to insure the safety and security of our students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.