



**MT VERNON ISD  
BUS TRANSPORTATION**

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**(903) 537-2546 ext.  
1261 or ext. 1281**

Dear Parent,

The Mount Vernon Independent School District provides bus transportation to and from school as a courtesy service for the students residing in the District. The state of Texas prescribes the conditions governing school bus operations and funds the service by allotting the District a given amount for eligible students transported.

Eligible students defined by the State statute as; those residing in the District at least two miles from the school they should attend, as measured by the nearest practical route. The nearest practical route is the nearest traveled public road used by the school bus.

In order to meet the conditions outlined by the State and provide a safe, prompt movement of all students, the school district has adopted standard regulations and procedures and has provided restrictive measures for violations of rules. They are herein outlined for your information and for the guidance of your child.

The District is pleased to provide transportation for all eligible students and solicits your assistance in helping create a safe, healthy option. We ask your cooperation with school personnel in developing proper behavior patterns for those pupils who ride buses. If you should need information concerning routes or student misconduct on buses, call the Transportation Office at 903.537.2546 ext. 1261 or ext. 1281.

Thank you.

The opportunity to ride a bus to and from school is a privilege, which may be withdrawn for failure to follow a bus driver's direction or any of the bus rules. All bus students will follow the Mount Vernon ISD "Code of Conduct" with the following additional rules to apply to bus riders.

**BUS RULES** - conduct and safety rules shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The student shall wait for the bus by staying on the sidewalk or by staying on the edge of the street if there is no sidewalk.
2. The student shall wait until the bus comes to a full stop before attempting to enter the bus.
3. The student shall sit quietly. If there is conversation, the student shall speak softly so as not to disturb the concentration of the driver.
4. The student shall sit without putting arms or legs in the aisles.
5. Upon leaving the bus, the student shall stop before walking in front of the bus and look both ways before crossing.
6. The student is NEVER to cross the road behind the bus.
7. NEVER enter or exit the school bus through the emergency door at the back of the bus.
8. After all students have been unloaded, they should move a safe distance from the unloading area and follow the procedure of crossing

9. Students should not vary their departure from the bus under any circumstance without permission.
10. Observe the same conduct on the bus as in the classroom.
11. Stay seated while the bus is in motion; keep head, hands and feet inside. Stay seated until bus comes to a complete stop.
12. Never go between or behind school buses. Stay in front of buses at all times.
13. Band instruments will not be allowed on the bus unless the student can hold the instrument in their lap. No band instrument should be on the floor blocking the safe loading or unloading from the bus. **IN AN EMERGENCY, AN OBJECT ON THE FLOOR OF A BUS IS A HAZARD.**
14. A student who damages the bus (cuts seats, breaks windows, etc.) will be suspended from the bus until the student pays the damage in full.
15. Do not eat or drink on the bus.

#### **PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY**

- **It is the parent's responsibility to notify the Principal and bus driver in writing if a student is to get off the bus at a stop other than their assigned stop - do not follow the bus and attempt to remove your child without prior notice.**
- Parents should constantly remind their children about safety and proper behavior on the bus.
- If you meet a bus traveling toward you, **THINK**, there are children somewhere

#### **BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE**

Students have been given a set of rules to follow for safety of all passengers on the school bus. The driver is in charge of the bus and has the authority to assign seats as needed.

Please remember that the number one priority of the bus driver is to **SAFELY** transport your child to and from school.

If a student breaks these rules, the bus driver will notify the student's principal in writing by completing the MVISD Safety Infraction Report. A copy of this report will be mailed to the parent/guardian as well.

**PARENT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION WHO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION AS A RELATED SERVICE:**

An admission, review and dismissal (ARD) committee has determined that your child requires special transportation consideration.

This transportation is provided as a related service as identified in Title 34 CFR 300.16. Justification for this service was outlined in the ARD committee meeting and the students IEP.

Questions and concerns:

If parents have additional questions or concerns about transportation, you may call the school office, transportation department or special education department.

<u>Contacts</u>	<u>Phone number</u>
Elementary	903.537.2266
Intermediate	903.537.3432
Junior High	903.537.2267
High School	903.537.3700
ISD Admin	903.537.2546
Special Education	903.537.2546
Transportation	903.537.2546 ext. 1261 or ext. 1281