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Greetings W-K Families,

The following items are included in W-K's Student Transportation Policy (#709). We are asking all parents/guardians to discuss the items with their children and reinforce the importance of following directions. Please sign the acknowledgment slip found on the second sheet of paper and return it to the elementary or high school office (one per family).

### **Rules at the Bus Stop**

1. Get to your bus stop five minutes before your scheduled pick up time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.
2. Respect others' property while waiting at your bus stop.
3. Keep your arms, legs and belongings to yourself.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Stay away from the street, road or highway when waiting for the bus.
6. Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.
7. After getting off the bus, move away from the bus.
8. If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Wait for the driver to signal to you before crossing the street.
9. No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horseplay.
10. No use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

### **Rules on the Bus**

1. Student will respect, listen, and obey the driver at all times.
2. Student will be at the bus stop five minutes before pick up time and wait for bus off of the roadway.
3. Student will cross road 10 feet in front of the bus.
4. Student will keep head, hands, and all body parts inside bus at all times and to themselves.
5. Student will not fight, harass, intimidate, throw objects or participate in horseplay.
6. Student will respect all property including the school bus and will pay for any damage or repair.
7. Student will report any damage discovered to the driver and will keep the bus clean.
8. Student will sit in seat and face forward.
9. Student will not change seats.
10. Student will talk quietly and use appropriate language.
11. Student will not eat, drink, or use tobacco or drugs while riding the bus.
12. Students will not bring weapons or dangerous objects on the school bus.

### **How to be a Successful Bus Rider (posted on busses)**

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Safe
3. Be Responsible
4. Be Positive

**Rules and expectations apply to all bus routes.**

- Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the school district under adopted administrative discipline procedures. Serious misconduct may be reported to local law enforcement.
- Consequences are progressive and may include suspension of bus privileges. Decisions regarding a student’s ability to ride the bus in connection with co-curricular and extracurricular events (i.e., field trips or competitions) will be in the sole discretion of the school district. Parents or guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges.
- Students damaging school buses will be responsible for the damages. Failure to pay such damages (or make arrangements to pay) within two weeks may result in the loss of bus privileges until damages are paid.

**Parents/Guardians are responsible to:**

1. Become familiar with school district rules, policies, regulations, and the principles of school bus safety, and thoroughly review them with their children;
2. Support safe riding and walking practices, and recognize that students are responsible for their actions;
3. Communicate safety concerns to their school administrators;
4. Monitor bus stops, if possible;
5. Have their children to the bus stop five minutes before the bus arrives;
6. Have their children properly dressed for the weather; and
7. Have a plan in case the bus is late.

**Annual Parent/Guardian Transportation Acknowledgment Letter  
Based on Wabasha-Kellogg School District Policy 709**

I have read and discussed Student Transportation Policy 709 with my child(ren).

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Student(s) at W-K:  
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**Please return this acknowledgement slip to your school office.**

**Thank you!**