



## **Bus Riding Agreement – School Year 2023-2024**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The following are guidelines to help you and your child understand what will be expected while we transport to and from the bus stop and school.

**Bus Stop Pick Up: Your child is expected to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the scheduled pick-up time. No parents are allowed to get on the bus with their student, nor stand on the bus to hold it for a student that is running late. Once the bus driver deactivates the stop arm and starts moving the bus, the bus cannot stop. The driver cannot wait for missing students that may be running late as other stops are expecting the bus to be on time for their pickup. No eating, taking medications, suckers, chewing gum, nor any drinks except water are permitted on the bus. Snacks need to be kept in backpacks and carry-ons.**

### **No glass is allowed on the bus at any time!**

Riding the school bus is a privilege and continually disobeying the rules of the bus can lead to a period of suspension or total expulsion depending on the severity of the infraction.

A bus agreement must be on file with the Business Department for each child participating in the bus service. If you have any questions regarding the bus, please email Lisa Carroll at [licarroll@choiceacademies.org](mailto:licarroll@choiceacademies.org) or by phone at 602-938-5517 ext. 106.

### **Rules of the Bus**

1. High school students must show bus pass to driver daily
2. Follow directions immediately when asked
3. Stay in your seat
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus
5. Talk quietly and keep hands to yourself
6. No eating or drinking, except water
7. No profanity or vulgar language
8. Cell phones are limited to pre-boarding and post departure



## **State Law Forbids the Following Items be brought on the Bus**

1. Dangerous items/weapons (real or toy)
2. Glass
3. Animals
4. Insects
5. Tobacco, vapors, or any sparking devices
6. Plants, dirt, or any growing objects
7. Oversized objects that cannot fit safely in the seat with the students (instruments, etc.)
8. Skateboards, baseball bats
9. Distractive electronic devices (hand-held games, cd players, etc.)
10. Any item which cannot be transported easily or may create a safety concern

## **Consequences**

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: Warning – student/driver conference
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Suspension of bus privileges for two days, student/driver/parent & administrator meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Suspension of bus privileges for five days, student/driver/parent & administrator meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense: Suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year

## **Consequences for Severe Offense – No Warning – Direct Referral**

- Disrespect to driver
- Fighting
- Vandalism
- Indecent Exposure
- Weapons
- Profanity or Vulgar Language
- Possession of Drugs or Alcohol



## **Paying for the Bus**

**\$300.00 per semester per student**

**First Semester:**

\$120.00 deposit due by 8/1/2023

\$180.00 balance due by 9/9/2023

**Second Semester:**

\$120.00 deposit due by 12/30/2023

\$180.00 balance due by 1/27/2024

**Payments can be made by cash or check at any receptionist desk or online at**

**[www.choiceacademiespayonline.org](http://www.choiceacademiespayonline.org)**

- **ID cards for JPHS students and bus passes for main campus students will be required to ride the bus.**
- **Preschool students are not permitted on the bus.**
- **There is no scholarship for bus service.**
- **On Fridays, the bus will leave the main campus for JP early dismissal students at 1:30 pm. The bus will return at 3:00 pm and provide service home for remaining students.**
- **When all schools have a half day bus service will be provided for 12:00 noon only.**

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**I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and consequences for riding the school bus for the 2023-2024 school year. I understand that the fee is prepaid per semester and must be paid by the dates outlined in this agreement. There are no refunds for bus services if your child is absent, ride the bus one way or is temporarily suspended from the bus. There are no refunds if students are no longer taking the bus and bus management is not notified 30 days in advance. Payments are due as per the dates listed, or you may pay in full for each semester.**

Parent Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Stop Pick-Up Street Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **Bus Route Information**

#### **Morning pick-up schedule and stops:**

6:40 am Anthem Walmart, north parking lot  
7:00 am 23rd Ave at the Aspire Apartments  
7:15 am Yorkshire and 31st Ave. (Facing Southwest Side Pickup)  
7:30 am Arrives at 2323 W. Parkside Lane Campus

#### **Afternoon drop-off schedule Monday-Friday**

3:15 pm Leaves 2323 W. Parkside Lane Campus  
3:25 pm 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave at the Aspire Apartments  
3:40 pm Yorkshire and 31<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
4:05 pm Anthem Walmart, north parking lot

**Notification of Construction for the I-17 or surrounding areas that may affect and/or require modifications of the route, will be communicated.**



**Bus Route drop-off for Friday Early Release**

12:15 pm	Leaves 2323 W. Parkside Lane Campus
12:20 pm	23rd Ave at the Aspire Apartments
12:35 pm	Yorkshire and 31st Ave.
1:00 pm	Anthem Walmart, north parking lot

**Please make sure your student(s) are at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lisa Carroll at [licarroll@choiceacademies.org](mailto:licarroll@choiceacademies.org) or 602-938-5517 ext. 106.**



**CHOICE ACADEMIES INC  
HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY  
AGREEMENT RELATED TO COVID-19  
FOR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS (TRANSPORTATION)**

The student named below has requested permission to ride the school bus or other mode of transportation that Choice Academies Inc contracts with to transports students and staff to and from the schools of Choice Academies Inc. (“CAI INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES”). For the purposes of this Agreement, the primary use of the school bus or other contracted means of transporting students to and from school.

In consideration for being permitted to ride the school bus, I hereby acknowledge, affirm and agree to the following:

1. I am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding the Novel Coronavirus Disease (“COVID-19”). I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances and symptoms regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated, and I agree to accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent CDC modifications and updates.
2. I affirm that neither I, nor any person residing in my household, have been diagnosed with, demonstrated any symptoms of, or have in any way knowingly been exposed to COVID-19, within the past five (5) calendar days. I further affirm that I have not been notified within the past five (5) calendar days that I, nor any person residing in my household, has been exposed to COVID-19.
3. I agree that if I, or any person residing in my household, begin to experience symptoms similar to COVID-19, or if I, or any person residing in my household, are notified that I/they have been exposed to or infected with COVID-19 that I will immediately cease participating in riding the bus. Furthermore, if I, or any person residing in my household, are notified that I/they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and I have boarded the bus within the last five (5) calendar days from the date of diagnosis, I will immediately notify CAI INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES of the diagnosis.
4. I acknowledge that I am aware that by riding the school bus that there is a risk of being exposed to COVID-19, and/or any mutation or variation thereof. I am also aware that such an exposure can occur either directly or indirectly whether or not a mask and/or gloves are worn and that CAI INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES cannot guarantee that by riding the bus that there will be no exposure to COVID-19. I further acknowledge that while certain individuals are more susceptible to becoming seriously ill if they contract COVID-19 (such as people over 65, people with serious underlying health conditions, and those with compromised immune systems), anyone, including a healthy person, is susceptible to contracting COVID-19. I have independently evaluated and reviewed



the risks of being exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and have determined the student will ride the bus with full knowledge and acceptance of the risks.

5. I understand and acknowledge that CAI INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and by signing this **HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**, I fully and knowingly agree to ASSUME ALL RISKS associated with riding the bus and the exposure to or the infection of COVID-19, including any risk of illness, bodily injury, permanent disability and/or death related, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19.
6. I hereby voluntarily and knowingly agree to RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE and COVENANT NOT TO SUE CAI INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES, including its officers, directors, employees, agents, and/or volunteers, (hereinafter “Releasees”) for any and all losses or damages resulting from illness, bodily injury, temporary or permanent disability, and/or death, whether caused by negligence of Releasees or which might occur as a result of riding the bus that are related, directly or indirectly, from exposure to or infection with COVID-19.
7. To the maximum extent allowed by law, I hereby agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, losses or expenses of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees, costs and disbursements, whether of in-house or outside counsel and whether or not an action is brought, on appeal or otherwise), arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, my exposure to or the infection of COVID-19, or arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, me exposing or infecting others with COVID-19.
8. I agree that this **HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT** is to be binding upon my spouse, children, heirs and assigns, and that the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted and controlled according to the laws of the State of Arizona.
9. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS **HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT** WAS EXPRESSLY NEGOTIATED AND IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT FOR THE PERMISSION GRANTED BY CAI INC. OR ITS AFFILIATES TO RIDE THE BUS.

**IN SIGNING THIS HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the AGREEMENT, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written Agreement, have been made.**

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Print Student Name

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Student Signature (if Student is 18 or over)

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Date



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**\*\*\*\*PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION\*\*\*\***

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian, certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the above named student, who is a minor child, and that I am requesting that my minor child be able to RIDE THE SCHOOL BUS and that I agree, on my own behalf and on behalf of my minor child, including my and/or the minor child's representatives, executors, administrators, heirs and assigns, that I am bound, and that my child, is bound by each and every term of this HOLD HARMLESS, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT.

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Print Parent/Legal Guardian Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Date