

**Sidney Public School District
Transportation Application
20____-20____ School Year**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Sidney Public Schools is happy to be able to provide the opportunity for transportation to our students. Per the Sidney Public Schools District Transportation Policy (8100), there is a fee required from students/families who live within three miles of their school(s). Families are responsible to pay any remaining fees on the account. Effective as of the 2022-2023 school year there will be a **\$5 replacement fee for any lost/damaged transportation fobs**.

Listed below is the fee per family. Families who complete a FRAM (Free and Reduced) lunch application and qualify may be eligible for discounted rates. Fee Breakdown:

- **Regular Rider:** \$225 per year/per family OR \$25 per month (August/September combined)
- **Reduced:** \$90 per year/per family OR \$10 per month (August/September combined)
- **Free:** No fee applied

If the account is not up to date, transportation privileges are subject to being suspended. Acceptable payment options are as follows: cash, check, or online through the **"Parent Portal"** in Infinite Campus.

For additional questions, please contact the Transportation Director, Martin Morales at (406) 433-6370.

***To Be Completed by the Office**
Route Information

BUS/ROUTE #: _____

DRIVER: _____

FOB SERIAL #: _____

Transfer: Your child will transfer from one school building to another.
AM ____ From: ____ To: ____ PM ____ From: ____ To: ____

Transfer (Boys & Girls Club): Your child will transfer from one school to B&G Club.
PM: ____ From: ____ To: ____

Home to School: Your child will ride the bus from home to school OR from school to home.
AM Only ____ PM Only ____ AM/PM Daily ____

Household Name: _____ Home Phone #: _____
(Custodial Parent/Guardian Name)

Mom Cell#: _____ Mom Work#: _____

Dad Cell#: _____ Dad Work#: _____

Physical Home Address: _____ Pick Up/Drop-Off Address: _____

Alternate Pick Up/Drop-Off Address: _____ Days/Frequency: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone Number : _____

EMERGENCY/SEVERE WEATHER PLAN *(In the event that buses DO NOT RUN):*

List of Riders

| First & Last Name | FOB# | (Grade) | First & Last Name | FOB # | (Grade) |
|-------------------|-------|---------|-------------------|-------|---------|
| 1.) _____ | _____ | _____ | 4.) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2.) _____ | _____ | _____ | 5.) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3.) _____ | _____ | _____ | 6.) _____ | _____ | _____ |

Please Only Fill Out (1) Form Per Family

STUDENT CONDUCT ON A BUS

The transportation services provided through the Sidney Public School District are a privilege intended to provide students and families with a safe and cost effective means of traveling to and from school. With this understanding, it is important that students adhere to the safety guidelines in order to ensure each child's arrival at their destination.

When in transit to and from school or related activities, students are expected to adhere to all of the behavior guidelines set forth by both the Transportation Department and the Sidney Public School District. Failure to do abide by these rules may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to loss of transportation privileges.

Rules and Expectations:

All passengers must:

1. Board the bus in a safe and orderly manner
2. Remain seated at all times
3. Refrain from loud or disruptive behavior that may distract the bus driver
4. Obey the requests and/or directives of the bus driver at all times
5. Keep all body parts and personal objects inside the bus
6. Keep the aisles clear at all times
7. Be respectful to all passengers and staff members
8. Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus or in the loading zone
9. Refrain from inappropriate language or hand gestures
10. Get on and off the bus at the assigned stop only

Disciplinary Consequences:

1. Verbal warning
2. *1st Offense* – Warning/Conference with bus driver
3. *2nd Offense* – 1 day suspension from bus
4. *3rd Offense* – 3 day suspension from bus

*Violation of any bus rules after the 3rd offense may result in loss of transportation privileges for the duration of the school year.

Automatic Suspension (3 Days Minimum)

The following actions will result in a suspension from transportation and a parent conference:

1. Fighting, horse playing, putting hands on another student
2. Threatening a staff member or student
3. Endangering the safety of passengers, the driver, and/or the public

The Board has authorized the use of audio/video cameras on all District owned buses to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of our students and staff. In signing the bus agreement, you are hereby notified as to District policy regarding the use of surveillance on buses. Additionally, the District may choose to make video recordings a part of a student's educational record or of a staff member's personnel record if needed. The District will comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to record maintenance and retention.

Parents Should:

- 1.) Be sure the school has an updated emergency phone number where you can be reached
- 2.) Make any non-emergency changes in transportation no later than NOON/12:00pm of the same day to the School Secretary.
 - a. Provide a handwritten and signed note prior to the requested change. **(This includes bringing a friend home or your child going to any other stop location)**
- 3.) Plan for inclement weather emergencies. Advise the building secretary and transportation supervisor of these arrangements
- 4.) Notify the school and transportation of discontinued use of transportation services for billing purposes

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____