

## **Desert View Schools School Bus Rules/Policy 2023-2024 School Year**

In an effort to provide students with the safest possible bus service, the Transportation Department for Desert View Schools has established a basic set of rules for bus behavior. With that in mind, our drivers will be closely monitoring and strictly enforcing the following rules:

### **Bus Rules:**

1. Students will demonstrate good character on the bus by following the directions of the bus driver and adhering to all bus rules as well as following the school behavior policy.
2. Students must remain properly seated, with their back against the back of the seat, their bottom against the bottom of the seat, and keep their hands to themselves at all times.
3. Students will respect one another by not fighting, pushing, or shoving one another.
4. Students are not permitted to eat, chew gum or drink on the bus, with exception of water in a plastic container.
5. Students will demonstrate good citizenship by not bringing tobacco products or smoking paraphernalia (lighters, matches, etc.) alcohol, drugs or any controlled substances on the bus.
6. Students are prohibited from carrying animals, glass objects, hazardous materials, or weapons on the bus.
7. Students will respect the rights and safety of their peers by refraining from the use of loud voices, profanity, and/or obscene language or gestures, teasing or bullying.
8. Students will demonstrate responsibility by not extending their head, arms, legs or objects out of the bus windows.
9. Students will be completely silent at railroad crossings.
10. Students will be responsible when exiting the bus upon door signal.
11. Students will not tamper with bus equipment.
12. Students will help maintain the bus in a clean and safe condition.

### **Prohibited Items on the School Bus**

1. Bats, hockey sticks, golf clubs
2. Skateboards
3. Glass Items
4. Animals
5. Weapons of any kind (guns, knives, nun chucks), etc.
6. Food or drinks (except water in a plastic container)
7. Flammable Items of any nature (lighters, fireworks, cigarettes, deodorant sprays, body mists etc.)
8. Miscellaneous item(s) as deemed to be unsafe or threatening to students is at the discretion of school personnel/driver.

### **Desert View Schools Bus Policy**

1. Desert View Schools is happy to provide transportation options to our parents. We want to remind you that transportation is a privilege provided for students. Our transportation options are limited, meaning we offer space on our bus system as it is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Failure to comply with rules may result in loss of bus privileges. Please refer to our S.O.A.R. document for details.
2. The safety of our students is our number one priority! Please note that supervision is not provided for students at any of our bus stops. For safety precautions, please do not leave your child unattended. Parents are encouraged to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time.
3. We understand there may be a need to change your transportation schedule. We ask parents to provide a written note to the Transportation Coordinator regarding any transportation change.
4. Because of our wait lists for transportation, we ask that parents with transportation privileges utilize them as much as possible. Therefore, students who do not ride their assigned bus at least 4 days in a full school week (3 days in a school week with less than 5 days) will incur an absence week. Students who have 4 absence weeks in a school year may have bus privileges revoked. *Note- For this requirement, a bus absence is defined as a day that the student DID attend school for the entire day but DID NOT ride the bus both to/from school that day.*

**Let's S.O.A.R. (Safely, Orderly And Respectfully) on the school bus!**

To protect the safety (physical and emotional) of each individual student on the bus and to develop bus-riding behaviors that will be relevant and meaningful when the student is out in the community, student behaviors are expected to be **safe, orderly and respectful**. If they are not, the following matrices will be followed:

**Level 1**

(These misbehaviors are handled by the bus driver.)

- \*Eating, drinking, chewing gum on the bus
- \*Not sitting in assigned seat
- \*Out of seat without permission while bus in motion or sitting improperly
- \*Yelling and screaming
- \*Consistently showing disrespect to fellow students and/or school employee

<b>Level 1 Discipline Matrix</b>	
First Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats
Second Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats
Third Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats/Parent Phone Call
Fourth Incident	Office Referral (Level 2 Infraction)

**Level 2**

(These misbehaviors are handled by school administration.)

- \*Fourth incident as noted above
- \*Blatant defiance of authority, disobeying or showing disrespect to school employee
- \*Intimidating or threatening students with violence
- \*Use of profane, obscene, or abusive language or gestures
- \*Having an imitation or toy weapon
- \*Destroying, defacing or damaging school property
- \*Playing with or using emergency exits
- \*Throwing or propelling objects or spitting
- \*Putting any part of the body outside the bus window while moving

<b>Level 2 Discipline Matrix</b>	
First Incident	1to 3-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Second Incident	2 to 5-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Third Incident	5-10-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Fourth Incident	Loss of Bus Privileges/Parent Conference

**Level 3**

(These very serious matters are handled by school administration.)

- \*Hitting or striking another student or school employee
- \*Displaying or use of weapons, dangerous objects, mace or pepper spray
- \*Fighting or any careless or malicious action which results in the injury of a person or to property

<b>Level 3 Discipline Matrix</b>	
First Incident	Loss of Bus Privileges/Parent Conference

*\*\*\*Administrators reserve the right to modify, or otherwise adjust, this matrix for extenuating circumstances\*\*\**

**Desert View Schools  
Transportation Request Form  
2023-2024 School Year**

***This Transportation Request Form must be completed and returned to the school office before a student will be allowed to ride the bus.***

**Please complete one form per student.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade for 2023-2024 \_\_\_\_ School: **DVA / DVMS**

(please circle one)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**The following bus stops will be offered for the 2023-2024 school year.**

**Check only one bus stop.**

**Yuma-In Town** (Yellow Route)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yuma Boys & Girls Club

\_\_\_\_\_ Kennedy & 24<sup>th</sup> St

\_\_\_\_\_ 7E & 24<sup>th</sup> Lane

**Somerton/San Luis** (Purple Route)

\_\_\_\_\_ San Luis Community Center

\_\_\_\_\_ Joe Munoz Park-Somerton

**MCAS-Yuma** (Green Route)

\_\_\_\_\_ MCAS Youth Center

\_\_\_\_\_ Paso Descanso & Co. 16<sup>th</sup> St

**Foothills** (Red Route)

\_\_\_\_\_ 40<sup>th</sup> St & Foothills Blvd.

\_\_\_\_\_ 38<sup>th</sup> Lane & Flagstaff Ave

\_\_\_\_\_ Jojoba Ave & 42<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Please check one:**

\_\_\_\_ My child will ride the bus for both **A.M. & P.M. routes**

\_\_\_\_ My child will ride the bus for **A.M. route ONLY**

\_\_\_\_ My child will ride the bus for **P.M. route ONLY**

***\*\*Please note: Due to limited seating, there is no guarantee your request for transportation will be granted. Bus hopping (changing buses or bus stops without authorization) is not permitted. Students must ride the bus on a consistent basis. Students who have 3 unexcused bus absences may have bus privileges revoked.***

I, the Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Desert View Schools Bus Rules. I have explained the school bus rules to my child, and I have explained that I expect the school bus behavior rules to be followed. I understand that consequences for student misbehavior could include suspension or revocation of bus rider privileges. I also understand and agree to reimburse the school for the costs incurred to repair any damage to the school bus caused by my child's misconduct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

4/18/2023

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Date