

I, _____
am a student at Hawthorn Middle School South and ride the bus to and from school, for school sponsored field trips or for any after school athletic / club activity.

I Agree

- That riding the bus is a privilege and it is important to ride the bus safely to and from school whether it is coming and going to school, a field trip or for any after school athletic / club activity. I understand that all school rules will apply while I am riding the bus and/or waiting at the bus stop. I know that if I do not make good choices while waiting for the bus or riding the bus, I may lose my privilege to ride the bus.

- To follow directions given by the bus driver.

- That staying in my seat sitting on my bottom and facing forward is important. I will not move around or get up from my seat while the bus is in motion. If I have an assigned seat, I will use the same seat every time I board the bus.

When both the window and aisle seats are vacant, sit towards the window to allow another member of your bus route group to sit next to you. Older grades should move towards the rear of the bus. The youngest students should be in the front of the bus. Watch for and help with the safety and comfort of younger students. Do not place your bag, instruments or other personal items on the seat next to you. Keep all school bags on your lap. This allows other to sit down.

- Everyone on the bus, including your driver, has the right to a safe and orderly environment. I can help make this happen by using positive talk with appropriate tone and volume. I can talk quietly with my friends, being courteous and using appropriate language without screaming.

*Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
Be absolutely quiet when approaching a railroad-crossing stop.*

- To respect myself and others, including their property, by keeping my hands to myself. I will not push, shove, fight or tease anyone.

- My personal possessions are valuable and they are my responsibility to keep them safe.

Cellular phones and other electronic devices should be turned off while on the bus. Keep track of your items – those left on the bus will require your parent(s) or guardian(s) to visit the Bus Company to retrieve your possessions.

- Because I know that some of my classmates may have a food allergy, I will show my respect by not eating or drinking on the bus.

- Tell my principal or bus supervisor when I see or hear something that is unsafe.

Do not litter, write on or damage the bus

- Parents please remember that there is a no cell phone use of any kind in the school zone. **The speed limit around our schools is 20 mph.**

If violated, the Vernon Hills Police Department can issue tickets.

- Parents or other unauthorized persons are **not allowed** to board a bus at any time. Drivers are not authorized to make changes to bus stops.

- Whenever you need to pick up your student from school, please notify the school building, in writing, the day before. This will ensure your student will not be placed in the bus line at the end of the day.

The pick-up line for all vehicles is a single file line.

- Be respectful of the Hawthorn Staff.
They are there to make sure all our children are safe and protected

Hawthorn School District 73

2018 - 2019

Bus Responsibility Pledge

(Completion of the Bus Responsibility Pledge is required for ALL Middle School South students)

By following these rules, I can make the bus ride a safe and enjoyable experience for all. I am a part of my bus route group and will be conscientious of what happens on the bus.

My parent(s)/guardian(s) and I have read and talked about my Bus Responsibility Pledge, our Districts 2018-2019 Transportation Information and all school rules as listed in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Parent / Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent / Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please return your Pledge to your homeroom teacher.

Homeroom Teacher's Name

OUR TOP PRIORITY FOR ALL CHILDREN IS SAFETY.

We are all a community working together - whatever it takes.

Children may have fallen out of normal school routines throughout the summer ... including bus etiquette (conduct or behavior / the proper and polite way to behave). The Bus Responsibility Pledge contains some bus etiquette tips to review with your child as you talk through the pledge, the Districts Transportation Procedures and Regulations and school rules.



Winning National School Bus Poster Contest
drawn a 5th Grader at Henry County Schools in McDonough, GA.