



## **Des Moines Public Schools Transportation Parental Responsibilities**

The safe operation of any pupil transportation service is best achieved with the cooperation and collaboration of parents, students and staff. Parents play a key role in ensuring that their child(ren) remain safe by following the guidelines listed below as well as the expectations listed in the bus contract.

I understand Des Moines Public Schools provides transportation for my child to attend school within the Des Moines Public School District. As a parent/guardian of a child attending school within the district, it is my responsibility to ensure my child meets all the bus rules and expectations while utilizing DMPS yellow bus service and DART.

The Des Moines Public School District will inform me of my child's bus number, the scheduled pick-up time, and pick-up/drop off location. My child will be at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the scheduled pick-up time.

I understand my child(ren) will remain seated and wear their seatbelt, when available.

I understand that masks are required to be worn when boarding the bus and at all times while riding the bus due to federal mandate requiring masks to be worn on public transportation.

I will not give any medication(s) to my child nor send any open food or drink with my child to be consumed on the bus. I will ensure all medication is handed from an adult to another adult with the expectation for the medication to be dropped off at the school.

If I have any concerns about my child's transportation, I will discuss my concerns with the bus driver, transportation department or with a school representative. If I have any significant issues or concerns regarding my child's transportation, I will communicate with the school and/or the transportation department immediately, rather than discussing it at the bus stop.

*I acknowledge the responsibilities stated above and agree to comply with all expectations for the safe transportation of my child to and from school.*

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bus#** \_\_\_\_\_

***Your child's school will make you aware of any changes on your bus route***