



Transportation Contract for Parents of Out-of-Zone Bus Riders

Parents retain the opportunity to request attendance at any high school in the Vail School District.

The following information is solely for parents of students who wish to use school bus transportation to attend a high school outside their assigned transportation zone.

When parents elect to have their student attend a high school in a transportation zone, not in their home area, bus transportation is not automatically provided. In this case, riding a school bus is subject to qualification terms as described below:

1. Parents agree to contact the transportation department to request and receive an exception *prior* to their students riding a school bus. Requesting the exception does not guarantee that transportation services can be provided.
2. Parents acknowledge that exceptions may take a day or two to review and process, and can be granted only if there are seats available on the bus.
3. Parents agree to be responsible for transporting their students to and from an assigned bus stop in the transportation zone for the school they attend.
4. Vail Transportation does not assume any liability for students once the bus has dropped them off at their bus stop.
5. Parents acknowledge that an exception can be revocable when the bus becomes full and no longer has capacity for students riding to a transportation zone not in their home area.
6. Vail Transportation will give preference to students who live within a transportation zone and attend the high school in that same zone.
7. Parents acknowledge that when an exception must be revoked, Vail Transportation will give as much advance notice as possible and make all reasonable efforts to find an alternate bus stop for a bus that has room for out-of-zone riders.
8. Parents agree to notify Vail Transportation if bus transportation services are no longer needed.

The transportation department will track and record all exceptions as part of route planning and execution, rider safety, and for State reporting purposes.

This Transportation Contract ensures that the following objectives can be met for all out-of-zone bus riders:

- Riders are committed to a single bus route and stop.
- Riders are accounted for on the bus driver's student list.
- Accurate rider counts are done for state reporting and reimbursement procedures.
- Riders are reflected on seating charts, which are needed for behavior management, traffic accidents involving the bus, and contact tracing during COVID-19 exposures.
- Riders become familiar to new or substitute drivers.

Parents are asked to review and discuss with their children the Bus Rider Rules and Expectations found on the Vail School District Website, in the Transportation tab located in District Services. Additional bus rider information is available on the school district's website in the Transportation tab that appears in the COVID-19 Information section.

Additional information or policies are available at: www.vailschooldistrict.org.

We have read and understand this Transportation Contract for Parents of Out-of-Zone Bus Riders. We understand that riding the bus is a privilege that may be revoked under specified conditions.

By signing below, I agree to abide by all of the above terms and conditions.

Your Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____