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Dear Parent/Guardian:

At Wakefield High School, student safety is our top priority, and it is important that students adhere to certain rules and regulations while riding a school bus.

School transportation service is a **privilege**, not a right. While on the bus, students must follow school rules as well as the directions of the bus driver.

The following conduct is prohibited as indicated by Board Policy 6450:

- Delaying the bus schedule
- Fighting, smoking, using profanity, or refusing to obey the driver's instructions
- Tampering with or willfully damaging the school vehicle
- Possessing or using unauthorized drugs or intoxicating beverages on a school vehicle as outlined in School board Policy 6429
- Getting off at unauthorized stops
- Distracting the driver's attention by participating in disruptive behavior (talking loudly, yelling, throwing items, etc.) while the vehicle is in operation
- Failing to observe established safety rules and regulations
- Willfully trespassing on a school bus
- Throwing objects out of the bus window

Students are not permitted to ride a bus for any reason on which they are not assigned. School Board Policy 7105 specifically states, "Students will be transported to and from only one address, which is the address submitted when the student is registered."

The Transportation Department and Wakefield High School have the right to add additional rules or requirements as deemed necessary for the safety of all students. School administrators will handle disciplinary problems reported by the driver. **Students who violate any of the above rules may be removed from the bus and/or receive additional school-based consequences. Furthermore, repeat or serious violations of the transportation rules may result in a short-term suspension as well as a permanent removal from the bus for the remainder of the school year.**

Thanks for your help with encouraging appropriate, non-disruptive student behavior on our buses.

Yours truly,

Tripp Crayton
Principal