ATTENTION PARENTS: Please review the rules below with your child(ren); then sign and return the back portion of this form to your student’s school. These rules also apply for field trips, activity, and athletic transportation.

By signing this document, you and your child(ren) agree to adhere to the rules listed below while attending the Nine Mile Falls School District. This document only needs to be signed once during your child’s enrollment in the Nine Mile Falls School District. (These rules are posted on the Nine Mile Falls School District Website www.9mile.org)

RULES FOR STUDENT RIDING SCHOOL BUSES PER RCW 46.61.380 MOTOR VEHICLES CODE, STATE OF WASHINGTON. These rules and regulations were prepared by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction with the advice of the Chief of the Washington State Patrol and the Director of Highways of the State of Washington. They were revised by the Nine Mile Falls School District, No. 325, and apply to all public school buses operating in the Nine Mile Falls School District.

1. **The driver is in full charge of the bus and students.**
   2. Students shall ride their regularly assigned bus and exit at the assigned stop unless permission has been granted by school authorities and a note from a parent or guardian has been given to school authorities.
   3. Students may be assigned a seat in which they will need to stay seated at all times unless permission to move is given by the driver. State law dictates that middle and elementary school students shall be assigned a seat.
   4. The bus is an extension of the classroom; therefore, classroom conduct should be followed. Classroom conduct is interpreted to mean that students: a) will sit properly in their seats, b) will refrain from throwing objects, c) will keep their hands to themselves, d) will be courteous to their fellow passengers and driver, and e) will refrain from using profanity or loud voices.
   5. Students are responsible for keeping their trash off the floor of the bus and must refrain from throwing trash out of the windows. Eating and drinking on the bus is not allowed unless permission is given by the driver.
   6. Student will not smoke, vape, or light matches/lighters on the bus. Firearms and other weapons are not allowed.
   7. Students shall not extend their head, hands, or arms out of the bus windows at any time.
   8. Students must not have anything in their possession that may cause injury to another; such as sticks, chains, poles, or any type of weapon. Items such as skateboards or instruments must be in a case or zippered bag.
   9. Animals of any type are not permitted on the bus. Exceptions are made for service animals.
   10. When boarding or exiting the bus, students must be in full view of the driver – for safety, students are only to cross the street in front of the bus and beyond the extended bus arm.
   11. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
   12. Students should arrive at their school bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
   13. In the event of an actual emergency, emergency exit procedures, as established by the emergency exit drills, will be followed.
   14. Students and parents shall be held responsible for any damage to the bus (i.e. bus seat vandalism). The transportation provider will charge students for damage.
   15. Bullying and/or Harassment will not be tolerated. Every student should feel safe on the bus.
PROCESS FOR MISBEHAVIOR ON THE SCHOOL BUS

3 Step Process (After the Second Incident Parent Notification will be initiated)
1. First Incident - Driver communicates rule violation to the student – First Warning
2. Second Incident – Student is moved to the front of the bus for 3 days – Second Warning
3. Third Incident – Student is moved to the front of the bus for at least 5 days – Third Warning

Bus Citation Process (Parents are notified for each citation)
1. First citation is sent to the school – Recommended 3 to 5-day bus suspension
2. Second citation is sent to the school – Recommended up to 10-day bus suspension
3. Third citation is sent to the school – Recommended suspension from bus for the remainder of the year or semester depending on the severity of the incident(s).

For more severe violations, such as fighting, possession of a weapon, vandalism, smoking/vaping – the 3 step process identified above will be bypassed and will initiate the citation process.

In extreme cases, the bus will be stopped and school district authorities and/or law enforcement will be called to remove the student(s) involved.

Questions: Please contact the transportation office at:
Durham School Services
10103 W. Charles Rd.
Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026
467-2944
rperkins@durhamschoolservices.com

A copy of these rules may be found on the Nine Mile Falls School District Website at www.9mile.org

Remember – It is a privilege to ride the bus, not a right.

Please detach and return to your school.

I have reviewed this document with my child and we understand the bus rules established by the district and furthermore understand that signing below indicates we will adhere to these rules while attending school in the Nine Mile Falls School District.

Student

Parent/Guardian

Date

Bus Rules 2/4/2020