

RIDERSHIP CONTRACT 2015-16

This contract for bus transportation to Audubon Charter School must be completed and submitted to the **K & S Transportation** hereinafter referred to as “K& S,” together with the required deposit before your student(s) is accepted to ride K & S’s contract buses. Both the student and the parent(s) or guardian(s) must agree to abide by the rules as outlined herein.

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

A. **Monthly Service Fee** -The Monthly Service Fee is as follows:

Total: \$100 per student per month minus applicable sibling discount due w/ signed contract.

The completed and signed Ridership Rules and Contract Form **must** accompany the payment of fees and **be received by August 10, 2015** at 6032 Wickfield Dr. New Orleans, LA 70122. **Make checks payable to: K & S Transportation.**

B. **Refunds** – K & S may, at its sole option, cancel or modify this contract based upon unforeseeable circumstances outside of its control, including a natural disaster. **REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN** if the student no longer requires the bus service due to changing schools or disciplinary reasons, etc.

C. **Disciplinary Action** - All problems and/or issues arising on the buses between riders are **first** to be reported to the appropriate bus driver. If the bus driver is unable to handle the problem and/or issue, K & S will contact the families involved in order to resolve the problem and/or issue.

K & S may recommend refusal of service for the following conduct:

1. Smoking on the Bus (State Law)
2. Involvement in any kind of vandalism.
Those involved will be required to pay for damages before being reinstated.
3. Throwing anything inside or out of the bus.
4. Yelling in the bus or at anyone outside the bus, thereby creating a disturbance.
5. Petting, passionate gestures, issuing or use of any profane language.
6. Any flagrant display of anti-social behavior.
7. Switching from the assigned bus to another bus without the approval of AFP.
8. Any and all violations of the attached Ridership Rules.

K & S may issue a warning to the offender, choose to refuse service, or take other appropriate action, at its sole discretion. The notification of disciplinary action may be verbal or in writing and is to be executed by K & S.

D. Scheduling of Service - Members will be notified approximately 10 days before the start of the school year of the pick up and drop off points and the pick up times. Minor time and route adjustments, needed to insure proper arrival at school, may be made thereafter. Bus schedules will follow school schedule. Parents will be notified of drop off times for half days and short days at least 10 days before the scheduled half day.

E. Routes - Routes are set so as to maximize the safety and efficiency of this service for the membership as a whole. **Door to door service is not provided.** In some cases it may not be possible to provide service because of limited ridership in an area or its distance from the rest of the route. In any case, central morning pick up and afternoon drop off will be available at Joe Brown Park, City Park and the Algiers Library on Holiday Dr., unless other arrangements are made.

F. Waiver of Liability - The undersigned parents and students agree to hold harmless **Friends of Audubon PTO** and its members for any liability arising out of any actions or situations that may occur while the student is on the bus or on the way to or from the bus. The bus contractor, **K & S**, will be required to carry the liability insurance for bodily injury, property damage, etc., normally required of such carriers.

G. Limited Service - On occasion, due to mechanical failures, illnesses of bus drivers, etc., the buses may not run. Please have a backup plan or carpool group formed to provide alternative transportation. Volunteer parents will notify other parents by email of any problems that may arise as soon as they are able.

H. Persons Allowed on the Bus - The only persons permitted on the buses are the drivers and the riders. Unauthorized persons on the bus risk contract revocation.

I. Morning Pick Up - The buses will shut their doors and leave at 6:45 and 7:15, respectively. **DO NOT** follow the bus or attempt to board the bus once the bus shuts its doors at the morning pick up point, repeat offenses will result in termination of riding privileges without refund.

RIDERSHIP RULES

A. At Bus Stops

1. Be on time.
2. Keep off private property.
3. Enter bus one at a time.
4. Do not push, stay in line, and wait until bus comes to a complete stop.
5. Fighting will not be tolerated.

B. Aboard the Bus

1. Obey bus driver at all times.
2. Go to the seat assigned by driver, if so assigned.
3. Keep middle aisle clear.
4. Do not talk or sing too loudly; driver must hear sirens or horns of other drivers.
5. Do not change places once bus is in motion.
6. Do not play music on any kind of electronic device on the bus.
7. Do not touch handle of, or lean on, the emergency door.
8. Do not extend any body part outside of bus.
9. Nothing is to be thrown out bus windows.
10. Do not bring animals, weapons, or other articles that may injure others.
11. Do not bring items too large to be held on your lap.
12. No fighting or cursing.
13. Never leave the bus from the rear door, except in an emergency as instructed by the driver.
14. Do not destroy the driver's property or the property of another rider.
15. Do not vandalize the bus, including graffiti.
16. No food or drink permitted--
17. No alcoholic beverages allowed pursuant to State law.
18. No occasional riders permitted.
19. Help keep the bus clean; **NO LITTERING.**
20. No spraying of any substance on the bus.

C. Exiting the bus

1. Do not move from your seat until the bus comes to a complete stop.
2. Leave bus one at a time.
3. Do not PUSH.
4. If you have to pass in front of the bus, be sure you are at least five feet in front of the front bumper. Be sure the way is clear before you cross the street.

Always cross the street in front of the bus.

5. Go immediately from the bus to your home or to your classroom.
I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES.

STUDENT _____

DATE _____

STUDENT 2 _____

DATE _____

STUDENT 3 _____

DATE _____

