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Dear Parents and Guardians:

CCS strives to offer all students riding the bus a safe and welcoming environment. In order to achieve this, all riders must cooperate to make the route as pleasant as possible. School bus safety is the responsibility of the Board of Directors ("BOD"), parents, and students who use the bus. All riders are expected to behave responsibly and respectfully while travelling on a bus as well as while waiting at pickup and transfer points. Riding the school bus is a privilege that can be withdrawn if expectations are not followed.

Please review with your child(ren) the Code of Conduct and the School Bus Discipline Policy. If you are in agreement with both the code and the policy, please sign the form and return it to the school office.

Calvin Christian Grade School
Bus Code of Conduct

Bus Rider Expectations:

1. At the stop:

- ☐ Arrive at your pick up point five minutes before arrival time. Buses will not wait for riders who are late.
- ☐ Conduct yourself in an orderly manner while waiting for your bus.
- ☐ Wait well back from the curb or roadway until the bus comes to a complete stop and the door is open.
- ☐ Cross in front of the bus approximately 3 metres when crossing the road.

2. On the bus:

- ☐ Board the bus in single file and in an orderly manner;
- ☐ Take your seat promptly and remain in your seat until you arrive at your destination.
- ☐ Respect and promptly obey the bus driver and the bus patrollers.
- ☐ Do not speak to the driver while the bus is in motion unless there is an emergency.
- ☐ Hold backpacks on your lap or store them in overhead racks. Do not leave items in the bus aisle. (Note: items too large to be properly stored will not be allowed on the bus.)
- ☐ Protect skates with skate guards or other protective material.
- ☐ Seek permission to have a guest on the bus one day in advance.
- ☐ Take all personal belongings when you disembark.
- ☐ Disembark only at stops predetermined by parents and school officials.

3. The following activities are NOT permitted on the bus:

- ☐ eating, drinking, or smoking
- ☐ interfering with bus equipment (including: fire extinguisher, safety devices, emergency doors)

- vandalizing or damaging the bus (cutting, puncturing, defacing)
- throwing items out bus windows
- profane, obscene, or disrespectful language or behaviour
- horseplay, wrestling, or physical altercations of any kind

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School Bus Discipline Policy

Noncompliance of the school bus policy will be reported to the school administration, and the following actions will be implemented:

1. First offence: the driver will write a report to the Vice Principal.
2. Second offence: the driver will write a report; the Vice Principal will contact parents/guardians.
3. Third offence: minimum one day suspension from riding privileges. The Vice Principal will consider reinstatement after satisfactory consultation with parents and driver.
4. Repeated offences will result in permanent removal from bus privileges. Bus fees will not be reimbursed when students are removed from bus privileges.
5. The responsible student and his or her parents will compensate for property damage and vandalism.
6. The school administration reserves the right to implement immediate suspension of riding privileges should student behaviour warrant it.

Please acknowledge your understanding and agreement by signing below and returning this form to the school office.

I have read and discussed both the Code of Conduct and the Discipline Policy for riding the Calvin Christian school bus. My child(ren) and I are in agreement with its expectations and we understand the consequences of non-compliance.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Names of Student(s):

Grade(s):