



## ACTIVE LEARNING CENTER



### BUS TRANSPORTATION RULES

Lobo Active Learning Center drivers have undergone a driving and criminal background check. As per the requirements by the State of Texas, they have completed the annual Transportation Safety Training for childcare providers. This includes:

- ❖ Our operational policies related to transportation such as: emergency procedures, communication between program and driver before, during and after transport, pick-up and delivery of children, maintenance and inspection of bus, specific equipment and documentation to keep in bus; and field trip procedures.
- ❖ Minimum Standard requirements for transportation and field trips
- ❖ Supervision of children
- ❖ Child passenger safety seat information
- ❖ Safety in and around vehicles
- ❖ School zones, railroad crossings
- ❖ Parking and backing procedures
- ❖ Unloading and double-checking vehicles after unloading
- ❖ Specific vehicle safety pertaining to our buses

Parents are responsible for reviewing the following rules with your children. These rules have been developed with your children's safety in mind. Driver may assign seats on the bus for all children or just to a single student based on safety and/or behavior. This is to ensure the safety of all passengers. Once children have been placed in an assigned seat, they are expected to sit in the assigned seat.

Children are expected to behave accordingly on the bus and know the rules for riding the bus. The drivers have the same authority in the bus as teachers have in the classroom and must be respected as such. Please remember that the main job of the driver is to drive the bus safely. Even with rules and seating assignments set in place, things can happen on the bus that the driver will not see or hear. Should an issue arise that you are concerned about, please let the Director know and she will talk with the driver right away. She will be more than happy to assist.

[Rules are outlined on the back.]

- Children must wear safety seat belts and stay in their seats AT ALL TIMES. They must sit with their bottoms on the seat bench, facing forward.
- Loud and boisterous noise and improper conduct can cause a distraction to the driver which can lead to serious safety hazards on the bus. No hitting, screaming, antagonizing or fighting allowed. Children must keep their hands to themselves.
- Keep hands off air vents, lights and windows.
- Destructive behavior to the bus will not be tolerated. Children and parents will be held responsible.
- All items must remain secured in backpacks at all times. No throwing objects.
- No profane or inappropriate language is to be used.
- No turning around in the seat or releasing seat belt while the bus is in motion. Children must wait until the driver tells them that it is safe to unbuckle and exit the bus.
- All items must remain secured in back pack at all times. Pens, pencils and other sharp objects are not to be taken out of backpack at any time.
- Children may not chew gum, eat or drink on the bus and they may not use electronic devices such as cellular phones, tablets or computers and video games on the bus.
- The aisle of the bus must be kept free of objects that could obstruct an emergency evacuation of the bus. All backpacks must be stored safely under the seats. Exit doors must remain clear of all objects. Large items such as certain musical instruments, science fair projects, balloons etc. that could pose a safety problem are not permitted on the bus.
- Children are prohibited from bringing any potentially hazardous items, chemicals, animals, or breakable items on board the bus.
- At no time should children ever attempt to reach under a bus to retrieve an object.

**THINK SAFETY, TEACH SAFETY AND ACT SAFELY!**



**You Hold the Key**



[Please Print]

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on Lobo Active Learning Center's bus transportation rules. I have also reviewed these rules with my child and stressed the importance of following these rules for the safety of all passengers.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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I understand and agree to follow the Lobo Active Learning Center bus transportation rules to help keep all passengers safe. I also agree to be courteous and respect the driver, property and others.

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Child's Signature

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Date