Please complete the following information. Detach the portion below and have your child give it to the driver the NEXT time he/she rides the bus.

## What if I have a Question?

The Transportation office will be happy to answer questions during normal school hours and if no one is available to answer your call please leave a voicemail and we will return your call. 361-275-1907

## CISD School Buses

The buses are part of a well-organized, safety-orientated transportation system, with each bus inspected and repaired regularly. The school bus driver has sometimes been referred to as the "silent teacher" because the cargo transported by the driver is precious. Great care is given along with the qualifications, certifications, training, and operational requirements of drivers. Drivers must pass physical exams as prescribed by the Texas Department of Public Safety, a pre-employment prohibited substances test and a criminal records check. Drivers are also subject to random alcohol and controlled substances testing monthly.

## Bus Eligibility

To be eligible for transportation, a student must live outside of the "No Transportation Zone".
For Questions on this please contact the Transportation Dept.

## Articles Left on the Bus

Articles left on the bus will be sent to the school or the Office of the Transportation Dept. by the driver. However, the District and its bus drivers are not responsible for any property left on the bus. Articles that are not claimed by the end of the year will be donated to charity.

This registration form can be found and printed online at www.cueroisd.org under the Department tab then under Bus/Transportation. There is also an online form that can be filled out and once submitted it goes automatically to the Transportation Dept.

Pursuant to the Texas Education Code 37.126, disruption of school bus transportation is a Class C Misdemeanor, carrying a fine of up to $\$ 500.00$

## SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete the following information and have your child give it to the driver the NEXT time he/she rides the bus.
Date: $\qquad$

Student Name: $\qquad$ Date of Birth: $\qquad$ Age: $\qquad$ Sex: $M$ or $F$

School Attending: $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$

Home Address: $\qquad$ Home / Cell phone: $\qquad$
A.M. Pickup Address: $\qquad$ P.M. Drop Off Address: $\qquad$

Parent/Guardian Name: $\qquad$ Work phone: $\qquad$
Person to be contacted in case of emergency (if parent/guardian cannot be reached):
Name: $\qquad$ Relationship to student: $\qquad$

Address: $\qquad$ Home / Cell phone: $\qquad$
THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BUS DRIVER
Route \# $\qquad$ Run \# $\qquad$ Eligible $\qquad$ Seat Assignment $\qquad$ Students will ride in AM $\qquad$ PM $\qquad$ BOTH $\qquad$

## Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

Read and understand this form. Have the student return it to the bus driver immediately. Ensure that the student is aware of, cooperates in, and obeys the rules stated on the form, as well as the bus driver's instructions.
Ensure that the student rides the appropriate bus.
Ensure that the student demonstrates appropriate conduct at the bus stop.
If the student needs to ride another bus or get off at a different bus stop, the parent must provide a written note to the school. A note must be signed by the school official and given to the driver.
No large items or skateboards on the bus.
NOTE: Students five years or younger must have an authorized adult present at the stop. A signed note from a parent/guardian to the driver is required for the student to get off the bus alone or with an older sibling is required.

## Bus Route Information

All routes are designed to operate as efficiently and effectively as possible while still meeting the needs of the students.
Transportation Operations staff will provide students with copies of new routes when changes are necessary. Normally, this will occur two working days prior to changes becoming effective.

If students do not use a bus stop for two continuous weeks, the bus stop will be automatically discontinued without notice to the parents. Parents must contact Transportation Operations staff to re-establish the bus stop.
Route changes will be made as soon as possible during the school year.

## Meeting the Bus

Students shall be on time. It is recommended that students be at their bus stop five minutes before pick-up time. Once a bus departs a stop, it will not stop or return for stragglers.
Students shall not stand on the traveled portion of the roadway and should be at least 10 feet from the roadway while waiting for the bus.
While at the bus stop, students must respect the property of homeowners. Please do not litter.
Students shall not move alongside a moving bus. Students shall wait until the bus has stopped, then walk to the front door. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.

Students shall enter the bus in an orderly fashion and in accordance with the bus driver's instructions.
Each Student shall go directly to his/her assigned seat upon entering and remain seated unless directed by the bus driver to do otherwise.

## Bus Conduct and Safety Rules

Students shall be held responsible for the seat in which they are sitting as well as the back of the seat in front of them. They will be required to pay for any damage inflicted, other than ordinary "wear and tear." Seats will be inspected by the drivers before and after each bus run.

Bus Driver is authorized to assign seats to students.
Students shall not mark or deface the bus or its equipment.
Willful or careless damage shall be paid for by the student(s) performing the act.
Students shall not use profane or indecent language on the bus.
Students shall not bring or use tobacco, drugs, or alcohol on the bus.
Students shall not throw food, objects, or trash in the bus or out the bus windows. Students will be held liable for any damage to private property as the result of throwing items out of a school bus window.

Students shall not bring live animals on the bus.
Students shall not extend their arms, legs, or heads out of the bus.
Students are allowed to bring water (in plastic containers ONLY) onto the bus.

## Departing the Bus

When getting off the bus, students should move quickly, but safely from the unloading area. If crossing the street students must cross in front of the bus.

The emergency door at the rear of the bus is to be used in emergencies only. It is not to be used for boarding or departing the bus.
Students are permitted on or off the bus only at authorized stops.
Who is Responsible for Discipline on the Bus?
The bus driver is responsible for the safety and discipline on the bus. Misconduct and safety violations by students are reported to the school principal, who assumes responsibility for taking proper actions.

Bus drivers and passengers are subject to audio and video monitoring. Video will be reviewed by the district Transportation office, and if necessary, given to the appropriate campus Principal for disciplinary action. These videos will be strictly controlled by the Office of Transportation and by the respective Principal in order to protect the rights of the individuals.
Texas Education Code § 26.009

