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SCHOOL BUS RULES OF THE GERMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ABU DHABI (GISAD) VOL 2.0

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE
To ensure the safety and well-being of all students who utilize school bus transportation services provided by GISAD.

SCOPE
This document applies to all parents/guardians of students enrolled at GISAD who use the school bus service.

OBJECTIVE
The GISAD provides a voluntary school bus service for major residential areas. Our objective is to ensure that students and Kindergarten children arrive at school safely, comfortably, and punctually, and return home in the same manner after school. To achieve this, it is imperative that all parties comply with the established rules, which are based on the regulations set forth by the Department of Transport.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

SCHOOL BUS REGISTRATION

- Parents who choose to have their child commute by bus should complete and submit the Bus Application form at the time of registering their child at the school
- Availabilities of bus seats are limited; bus applications are processed on a first-come first-serve basis
- School bus services are provided—home to school and school to home
- School Bus services available for both Kindergarten and for Grades 1–12 students
- In some Areas/locations, bus services will not be provided to your residential point, but to the nearest pickup/drop off points
- During the Academic year, parents who wish to register their children for school bus services should submit an email to schulbus@gisad.ae with the complete name of the students, grade, address, and parents/guardians' contact information. A registration request must be submitted four days prior to the start of the bus service

ROUTES

The pick-up and drop-off times will vary depending on the route. The pickup and drop off times on some routes may change throughout the year owing to operational reasons, the addition of new students, or the leaving of existing students. One trip on each route will take no longer than 60 minutes. Routes are developed based on the number of applications received from parents for school bus registration every year and in line with the rules and regulations of the department of transport. GISAD reserves the right to modify, cancel, or plan a new route based on the requirements. The school may decline a bus transportation application in case the student resides in an area that lies outside the scheduled school bus trip routes. Starting time of first pick up will be 6:30 am.

ZONES

GISAD has divided school bus service into 4 zones. However, bus service to these zones are subject to the availability of seats and time regulations for completing one trip in designated time frame.

- **Zone 1**: Abu Dhabi City (From Cornich until Shakhbout Bint Sultan St.)
- **Zone 2**: Al Reem Island
- **Zone 3**: Saadiyat Island and Mangrove Village, Rihan Heights, Abu Dhabi Hills, Mangrove one compound, Eastern Mangrove (Between Shakhbout Bint Sultan St. until Al Maqta , Sheikh Zayed & Musaffah Bridge)
- **Zone 4**: Mangrove Village, Al Zeina, MBZ, Khalifa City A, Al Raha Garden, Al Zeina,
- Al Muneera, Al Reef (Between Al Maqta , Sheikh Zayed & Musaffah Bridge until Al Reef)

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SCHOOL BUS FEES

Bus service enrollment is for the whole academic year, and parents who choose to have their child commute by bus will be charged bus fees for a full academic year. However, parents can pay the school bus in two installments. Bus transportation fees are charged for two-way transportation.

ZONES	REGULAR BUS FEES	SINGLE BUS FEES
Zone 1	AED 5,500	AED 20
Zone 2	AED 6,000	AED 25
Zone 3	AED 7,000	AED 30
Zone 4	AED 8,000	AED 40

BUS DE-REGISTRATION

School bus cancellation requests should be submitted in by sending an email on schulbus@gisad.ae . The bus transportation fees will still be charged for the whole semester if cancellations are made during the semester or finishes of classes earlier.

CHANGE IN RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

In case of a change in the student's residence, please inform the Bus Team 10 days before by sending an emai on schulbus@gisad.ae . In a situation where school is not able to provide transportation to that area or if the parent does not agree to the pick up or drop off timings or location, bus fees for the whole semester will still be charged.

SINGLE TRIPS & GUEST STUDENTS

GISAD also provides parents with the option for their child to commute by bus on a single-trip basis. This option is also available to any student who is not a regular bus user but wishes to use the school bus occasionally. However, single trips are not guaranteed and are subject to seat availability and the capacity to complete the journey within the designated time frame. Priority will always be given to students who register for regular bus service.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS

Rules for Pick Up and Drop Off

- Students must wait at the bus stop 3 minutes before the scheduled time of pick-up. If the bus arrives at the stop at the scheduled time and the student is not there, the bus will not wait and will continue its trip
- Students must directly go to their buses immediately after the school day ends and must be on the bus at the scheduled times
- Buses will leave at the scheduled times (13:50 after the 7th lesson, 15:50 after the 9th lesson) and will not wait for late students
- Students are not allowed to leave the bus or leave unattended items on the bus once they board the bus
- Students are solely responsible for any personal items when traveling on the school bus. GISAD are not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment
- Parents/guardians should wait for their children at the bus stop where they are dropped off 3 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the bus arrival. If the parent/guardian is not at the bus stop when the bus arrives, then the student remains on the bus and will be returned to school
- Parents/guardians who request that their children leave the school bus alone when dropped off should understand that once their children leave the bus at the agreed location, their safety is fully the parents'/guardians' responsibility and the school does not hold any liability. (Note that KG–Grade 5 students must be picked up by their parents from the bus stop.)
- Students must abide by all school rules and school bus rules and regulations. Students who repeatedly break the school bus rules or behave in a manner that threatens the safety of others on the bus will be denied the privilege to use the school bus services for 3 days
- If a student damages school bus equipment or fixtures, financial liabilities for any damages will be incurred

- To ensure the safety of all students on the bus, students should abide by the following rules:
  - Arrive on time for the bus; and board and disembark the bus in a safe and proper manner
  - Remain seated at all times with the seat belt on until leave the bus
  - Sit quietly and refrain from disturbing others
  - Be polite and respectful with other passengers, the bus driver and bus assistant
  - Refrain from pushing, walking or changes seats during the journey
  - Refrain from any behavior that might endanger the safety of others
  - Refrain tampering with or damaging bus equipment, including scribbling on bus walls or seats
  - Refrain from eating or drinking on the bus
  - Refrain from littering in the school and throwing objects in and out of the bus
  - Respect and follow the instructions of the driver and bus assistant

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COMMUNICATION

Any changes to the student travel schedule must be provided to GISAD in writing by the parent or guardian at least 24 hours in advance via schulbus@gisad.ae . GISAD reserves the right to accept/decline the service changes.

REVIEW AND UPDATES

At the end of each semester, GISAD will review its bus rules and amend them as necessary in accordance with the guidelines provided by the relevant authorities.