

## Athletic Contest Travel Policy Release

The Mississinawa Valley Department of Athletics wants to emphasize the importance of student-athletes riding the team bus to and from athletic events. The riding of the team bus creates a bond – a team unity among teammates and coaches. It's an educational classroom where coaches can discuss team goals, strategies, give game or practice instructions. A place where a coach can console, congratulate or motivate an athlete.

If a student-athlete misses the team bus at the scheduled departure time, the following procedures will occur:

- The coach of the student-athlete will contact the first parent listed on the emergency medical form via text or phone to advise the parent that his/her daughter/son missed the bus.
- If a student-athlete miss the bus, it is the responsibility of the student-athletes' parent to provide transportation to the athletic event.
- If the student-athlete misses the bus and arrives to the athletic event, the student-athlete will not be permitted to participate for at least half of the contest. It is the coach's discretion as to whether the student-athlete may participate in the remaining half of the contest.
- If a student-athlete misses the bus and does not show-up at the contest, the student-athlete will not be permitted to participate in the next athletic contest.

Under certain circumstances or exceptional situations, student-athletes may be excused from riding from an athletic contest on school authorized transportation. The parent of the student-athlete must provide written notice to the student-athlete's coach and to the Athletic Director or High School Principal.

The student-athlete and parent(s) and/or guardian(s) of the student-athlete understands that the Mississinawa Valley School athletic rules require students to ride the buses to and from athletic contests and departure from this requirement will release the Mississinawa Valley School District employees and officers from all liability for any adverse results that may occur.

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Student-Athlete Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date