

# Wes-Del Community Schools Athletic Department

## CONTEST TRAVEL RELEASE

The 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 is a sanctuary where athletes can commiserate after a loss or celebrate after a victory. It is an educational classroom where coaches can discuss team goals, strategies, and give skillful game or practice instruction. It also creates a place where a coach can console, congratulate, or motivate an athlete. It is where the athlete and coach have an opportunity to communicate without any interruptions or outside interference. It is an environment that cannot be duplicated or recaptured at any other time than at that moment.

You take these experiences, opportunities and more away from your child and our team when you transport them to or from a contest. Under certain circumstances or exceptional situations, athletes may be excused from riding either to or from an athletic event on school authorized transportation. (Examples: funeral, medical emergency or hospitalized relative, religious observances, weddings, etc.)

Please help us provide the best opportunity for your child and our team before considering this option.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to ride ( to – from – both )  
(name)

the \_\_\_\_\_ athletic contest on \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
(sport) (date) (location of contest)

I certify that I am personally transporting the above named student, or have arranged for transportation with an adult (non-student) of my choosing for this student.

The reason for not riding the bus is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**(Reason must be sufficiently urgent to family needs to justify not riding the bus)**

I understand that the Wes-Del Community Schools athletic rules require that students ride the buses to and from all athletic events and a departure from this requirement will release the Wes-Del Community School District from all liability for any adverse results that may occur.

I agree to release the Wes-Del Community School District and its employees and officers from all liability with reference to the above stated transportation.

This form must be on file in the athletic office prior to the dismissal of school on the day of the contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent of Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Coach

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Director of Athletics

Approved - Not Approved

WES-DEL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

WHITE – Office Copy

YELLOW – Coach

PINK - Parent