

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REGULATION

All persons riding in school district vehicles will adhere to the following rules. The driver, sponsor or chaperones are to follow the school bus discipline procedure for student violations of this policy. Recording devices may be in operation on the school buses.

1. Bus riders will be at the designated loading point before the bus arrival time.
2. Bus riders will wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
3. Riders must not extend arms or heads out of the windows at any time.
4. Aisles must be kept cleared at all times.
5. All bus riders will load and unload through the right front door. The emergency door is for emergencies only.
6. A bus rider will depart from the bus at the designated point unless written permission to get off at a different location is given to the driver.
7. A rider may be assigned a seat by the driver.
8. Riders who damage seats or other equipment will reimburse the district for the cost of the repair or replacement.
9. Riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the vehicle is in motion.
10. Waste containers are provided on all buses for bus riders' use.
11. Permission to open windows must be obtained from the driver.
12. Classroom conduct is to be observed by students while riding the bus except for ordinary conversation.
13. The driver is in charge of the students and the vehicle, and the driver is to be obeyed promptly and cheerfully.
14. Students will assist in looking after the safety and comfort of younger students.
15. A bus rider who must cross the roadway to board or depart from the bus will pass in front of the bus (no closer than 10 feet), look in both directions and proceed to cross the road or highway only on signal from the driver.
16. Students will not throw objects about the vehicle nor out through the windows.
17. Shooting paper wads, squirt guns or other material in the vehicle is not permitted.
18. Students will keep feet off the seats.
19. Roughhousing in the vehicle is prohibited.
20. Students will refrain from crowding or pushing.
21. The use or possession of alcohol, tobacco or look-alike substances is prohibited in the vehicle.
22. The Good Conduct Rule is in effect.

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Levels of Unacceptable Behavior for Transportation

Level 1 Offenses

1. Throwing non-injurious objects on the bus
2. Failure to follow driver instructions
3. Standing while bus is in motion
4. Use of obscene or profane gestures or language
5. Harassment of anyone
6. Excessive noise (screaming, yelling, or shouting)
7. Tripping anyone on the bus
8. Blocking the aisle
9. Possession of a lighter or matches

Level 2 Offenses

1. Threatening a bus driver
2. Interfering with police, administrator, or driver
3. Use of tobacco
4. Lighting of any type of fire (matches or lighter)
5. Physical aggression or threat of against another person
6. Theft or robbery
7. Possession of fireworks or ammunition
8. Tampering with emergency equipment (radio, emergency door, light system, or fire extinguisher)
9. Head, arms, or legs out the window of a moving bus
10. Unacceptable sexual conduct
11. Spitting
12. Throwing objects that may cause injury
13. Vandalism on the bus
14. Running in front of a moving bus

Level 3 Offenses

1. Possession of a handgun, knife, or other weapon
2. Possession of ammunition with intent to detonate
3. Lighting of fireworks
4. Possession of drinking alcohol or illegal drugs
5. Assault on the bus driver
6. Attempting to ride on the outside of the bus
7. Pushing anyone at a moving bus
8. Violent assault on another student
9. Vandalism of the bus (in excess of \$100 damage)
10. Opening any emergency exit while bus is moving

Level 1 Offenses

- First offense – Written warning to parents
- Second offense – Written suspension of 1 day off bus
- Third offense – Written suspension of 3 days off the bus
- Fourth offense – Written suspension of 5 days off the bus and meeting with principal, parents, driver, and transportation director before child returns to the bus (meeting will be during normal school hours)
- Fifth offense – Loss of bus privilege for 30 school days

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Level 3 offenses

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The building principal will assess each case and administer the proper consequences. Appeals should be directed to the building principal. It would be impossible to predict all misbehavior, therefore, anything not listed will be assessed case by case. Any vandalism to the bus will be the student's and/or parent's responsibility to pay damages. It is the feeling of the transportation department that they must protect and preserve the rights and safety of all students.