

Parents and Guardians,

Please take a few minutes to review district-wide expectations regarding student conduct on buses. In order to provide safe transportation to and from school, it is very important that all students adhere to the following expectations.

STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES

Riding a school bus is a privilege and students must maintain safe and respectful conduct to ensure safe travel to and from school. Student safety is our main priority and rules that are enforced at school also apply on the bus. Our bus drivers have the same authority over pupils while riding buses as the teachers have while in school.

The following rules and regulations shall govern the conduct of school bus passengers:

- Students must be respectful of the driver and other passengers at all times;
- All students must stay in their seats from the time they load the bus to the time they exit the bus;
- Students must keep hands and feet to themselves;
- Students must avoid tampering with the windows or the emergency door of the bus unless instructed by the driver to do so.

Disruptive behaviors, which potentially jeopardize the safety of all passengers, will not be tolerated. The following are **some** examples of disruptive behaviors which may bypass the warning and result in the loss of bus riding privileges:

- Fighting, shouting, profanity, horseplay, using tobacco or electronic cigarettes, extending any part of the body through an open window, throwing objects, refusing to obey the bus driver, *vandalism.

**Students who deface or vandalize a school bus in any way may have bus riding privileges suspended and will not be permitted to resume bus privileges until all damages are paid.*

The following items will not be permitted on the bus:

- Balloons
- Glass containers
- Trash from snacks and drinks

WRITTEN CONDUCT REPORT

A written report about a student's unsatisfactory conduct will be issued by the bus driver and delivered to the school principal for disciplinary action. The action taken by the principal may include short-term or permanent suspension from bus riding privileges and/or suspension from school- depending on the severity of the behavior.

In considering the different forms of disciplinary action, the faculty and the administration of the school district will consider the following; however, the school is not limited to these various methods, nor does this list reflect any order of sequence of events to follow in disciplinary actions

- Warning and Parent Phone Call
- 3 Day Suspension from Bus Privileges
- 5 Day Suspension from Bus Privileges
- 10 Day Suspension from Bus Privileges
- Loss of Bus Riding Privileges- Remainder of the School Year
- Suspension from school