NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Student Conduct on School Buses

The District director of transportation, in cooperation with building principals, will establish written rules of conduct for students riding buses. The director must include consistent consequences for student misbehavior in the rules.

At the beginning of a school year, every building principal will provide students with a copy of the rules and every bus driver will review the rules with students. The transportation director will see that these rules also are posted in every bus and are available on request at the transportation office and at the office of every building principal.

A bus driver, in cooperation with assigned aides, is responsible for enforcing conduct rules. A bus driver needs to work closely with a parent and building principal to modify, when necessary, a student’s behavior.

Bus drivers or building principals may recommend permanent termination of bus privileges to the director of transportation for action; any such recommendation must include a complete written record of student misbehavior incidents. A student’s parent or legal guardian may appeal a decision to terminate bus privileges to the Superintendent.

District policies and procedures on bus suspension apply equally to children with disabilities who ride regular bus routes; however, when a handicapped student requires transportation as a related service, any contemplated suspension action requires an IEP committee review in compliance with policy 8111.

Cross References:
- 3250 Student Discipline
- 8111 Transportation of Students with Disabilities

Legal References:
- § 20-4-302, MCA Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment – penalty – defense
- § 20-5-201, MCA Duties and sanctions

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