

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

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Riding the school bus is a privilege for students, not a right. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding school district vehicles as are expected on school property or at school activities, functions or events, and additional specific transportation safety rules. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding a district vehicle or at a school bus stop. See Post Falls School District policies 504 and 505.

The Superintendent shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules shall be reviewed annually by the Superintendent and revised if necessary. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

A copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses shall be provided to students at the beginning of the year. The classroom teacher and bus driver shall review the rules with the students at the beginning of each school year. A copy of the rules shall be posted in each bus and shall be available on the district website.

The bus driver shall be responsible for enforcing the rules and shall work closely with the parent and building principal to modify a student's behavior. The rules shall include consistent consequences for student misbehavior.

The Director of Transportation is authorized to install and use video cameras on school buses to monitor conduct.

The Director of Transportation is authorized by the Board to suspend bus riding privileges to students who are disruptive or who present a danger to the safe operation of the bus. Temporary suspension of riding privileges shall not exceed ten (10) days per occurrence. The Director shall give cause to the parents or guardian of the suspended student in writing for such suspension. The Director of Transportation may delegate to the bus drivers the responsibility of providing written notice. In cases of continued or serious violations, a student may be permanently suspended for riding the school bus.

Recommendations for permanent termination of bus privileges will be referred to the Superintendent for final determination. The termination may be appealed to the Board. No further appeal shall be allowed.

A recommendation to terminate bus privileges shall be accompanied by a written record of the incident(s) that led to the recommendation. Said written record shall be provided to the parent/guardian of the student whose bus privileges are being revoked.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

If a student's IEP team determines special transportation is required and documents it on the IEP, all procedures under the IDEA 2004 must be followed with regard to the student and transportation. A suspension from bus transportation depends on whether bus transportation is identified on the IEP:

1. If bus transportation is on the IEP, a suspension from the bus would be treated as a suspension from school. An exception to this is if the District provides transportation in some other way, such as transportation in lieu of, because transportation is necessary.
2. If bus transportation is not on the IEP, a suspension from the bus would not be counted as suspension from school. In this situation, the student and the parent would have the same obligation to get to and from school as a student without a disability who had been suspended from the bus.

If the student's behavior on the bus results in a suspension from the bus, the IEP team shall consider whether the behavior should be addressed in a Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP).

Students on a 504 Plan will follow the same procedure as students on an IEP.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1501, I.C. § 33-205
I.C. § 33-512(6)

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