

Clear Creek ISD Transportation

Quick Reminders for 2023-2024 School Year

Student Discipline/Consequences on School Buses

Since the district's primary responsibility in transporting students in district vehicles is to do so as safely as possible, the operator of the vehicle must focus on driving and not have his or her attention distracted by student misbehavior. Therefore, when appropriate disciplinary management techniques fail to improve student misbehavior or when specific misconduct warrants immediate removal, the principal may restrict or revoke a student's transportation privileges, in accordance with law.

CCISD Transportation Dept. must handle student misbehavior that threatens passenger safety or distracts the driver. Every attempt will be made by the school or CCISD Transportation, to contact a parent/guardian when student behavior is a concern. Our Student Management training promotes an environment where students, parents, school staff and CCISD work together to solve student behavior concerns... before a student loses bus privileges.

Misconduct on the school bus is categorized into three categories: Minor Offenses, Major Offenses, and Severe Offenses. Below is a chart giving examples of each category and the consequences that may follow. Other offenses can be added as they come up and after review by Management:

MINOR OFFENSES	MAJOR OFFENSES	SEVERE OFFENSES
Failure to obey authority or follow driver/aide directives	Refusal to respect authority or follow directives	Use or possession of any tobacco, vaping, E-cigarettes, alcohol, and/or controlled substance
Scuffling, pushing, horseplay, profanity and/or obscene gestures	When requested, Failure to show ID or giving false ID information	Use of flammable objects
Eating, drinking, and/or chewing gum (Except Water)	Throwing object in, at, or from school bus	Possession of explosive device, gun, knife, laser pointer, stun/taser gun, razor, pepper spray box cutter, smoke or stink bombs
Not being seated properly (facing forward)	Harassment of student or CCISD employee	Fighting / assault of CCISD Driver/Aide or another student
Standing while bus in motion	Possession of instrument construed as a weapon	Placing any part of body outside of the school bus window
Pushing, shoving, kicking (at stop or school)	Destroying / vandalizing CCISD property or vehicles. Marking, cutting or scratching any part of bus. Student is responsible for damage.	Operating controls on Bus without proper authority
Littering on bus	Impeding movement of the school bus	Operating Emergency Exits or equipment in a non-emergency situation – Jumping out of Emergency Exits
Excessive noise	Distraction of CCISD Bus Driver	Attempting to hold onto the exterior of the school bus at bus stop
Unacceptable materials on bus	Spitting on or out the window of Bus	Pointing any weapon at the school bus, throwing objects at a school bus
Crossing behind the bus at bus stop. Crossing several lanes of traffic.	Possession of glass or sharp objects	
Continuously late to bus stop in AM		
Riding unassigned bus or getting off at unassigned stop without written permission		

Minor <u>CONSEQUENCES</u>	Major <u>CONSEQUENCES</u>	Severe <u>CONSEQUENCES</u>
1st: Written Warning/Verbal Correction	1st: Minimum 3-day suspension from school bus	1st: Minimum 10-day suspension from school bus
2nd: Probation OR 1-3day suspension from school bus	2nd: Minimum 5-day suspension from school bus	2nd: Minimum 30-day suspension from school bus
3rd: Minimum of 3-5-day suspension from school bus	3rd: Minimum 10-day suspension from school bus	3rd: Suspension of school bus transportation for duration of the school year
4th: Minimum of 10-day suspension from school bus	4th: Minimum 30-day suspension from school bus	
5th: Minimum of 30-day suspension from school bus	5th: Suspension of school bus transportation for duration of the school year	
6th: Suspension off school bus for the duration of the school year		

Note: At the discretion of the Transportation Department, bus riding privileges may be suspended due to the nature of the infraction.

A suspension from the ***Home to School/School to Home*** school bus includes, **ALL CCISD School buses** including Midday, and After School Program Buses.

School Administration reserves the right to discuss or recommend on a case by case basis, with Transportation Administration officials, adjustments that may be made to suspensions, dates based on school calendar and severity of the incidents.

When a student loses their bus riding privileges, a staff member from the School and/or the Transportation Department Supervisor will contact the parent / guardian by phone, email or USPS, to confirm the suspension start/end dates. If a parent / guardian cannot be reached after multiple attempts, a letter will be sent home with the student in an envelope for the parents /guardian. Supervisor will notify the School Administration by email of the details with start and end dates of suspensions.

Severe Violation: The Director/Assist Director of Transportation has the authority to bypass steps from minor/major violations or to repeat a step, if the behavior is not a severe violation.

The campus administration may impose additional consequences or take appropriate additional disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.