



Bus Discipline Procedures

Good conduct by all students is required in order to achieve safe bus riding conditions. Whenever the driver must direct attention to student's misconduct, less than full attention is being given to the road and driving conditions. Misconduct on the part of one student can place the entire bus in a serious unsafe condition. Therefore, all disciplinary problems will be handled accordingly.

Whenever a student violates any of the bus rules as outlined in the student handbook, the driver will attempt to solve the problem by explaining the rules and warning the student. The driver may also assign any student to a particular seat at any time. The driver may contact the parents directly regarding a student's behavior. When the driver has made an attempt to instruct the student to obey the rules and the student continues the misconduct or if the offense is serious, a bus report will be completed by the driver and given to a First Student Transportation representative. The representative will review the incident and take appropriate action.

Level 1 Misconduct

Level 1 includes but is not limited to the following offences:

- Violation of safety procedures
- Failure to remain seated
- Eating, drinking, gum, littering, throwing objects
- Minor unacceptable language or gestures
- Rude, discourteous and/or annoying behavior toward driver, monitor, or fellow student
- Any part of the body out of the window
- Horseplay, scuffling, pushing, etc.
- Unassigned / unauthorized riders

CONSEQUENCES FOR LEVEL 1 MISCONDUCT

First referral	-----	Warning
Second time	-----	5 days Removal from the bus
Students Pre-K – 3 rd may receive a second warning if deemed appropriate by First Student		
Third time	-----	10 days removal from the bus
Forth time	-----	20 days removal from the bus
Fifth time	-----	30 days removal from the bus
Sixth time	-----	Removal for the rest of the year

Level 2 Misconduct

Level 2 includes but is not limited to the following offences:

- Malicious destruction of property
- Major unacceptable language or gestures
- Tobacco usage, vaping, possession
- Fighting

CONSEQUENCES FOR LEVEL 2 MISCONDUCT:

First time	-----	10 days removal from the bus
Second time	-----	30 days removal from the bus
Third time	-----	Removal for the rest of the year

Level 3 Misconduct

Level 3 includes but is not limited to the following offences:

- Arson (As defined by Penal Code)
- Use, possession or threat to use a weapon or fireworks
- Assault
- Distributing, possession, or use of drugs, alcohol, or placebo
- Any other offences under the Texas Criminal Law in the grade of B misdemeanors and above.

CONSEQUENCES FOR LEVEL 3 MISCONDUCT:

Students will lose bus privileges for 1 calendar year. The student may also be subject to DAEP, JJAEP, or expulsion from school as a result of severe misconduct on the bus.

At All Levels PK-12: First Student Transportation has the authority to supersede the above rules and/or suspend a student immediately and for a time it deems necessary regardless of the number of times that the student has been referred. Although not inclusive, some examples of violations that could result in immediate denial of bus privileges (and/or notification of proper authorities), regardless of level are: fighting, possession of flammable items, controlled substances, or weapons, disrespect to the driver, abusive language, sexual harassment or any action that poses a threat or danger to self or others and failure to attend school after riding the bus.