

Clear Creek 15D Transportation

Quick Reminders for 2024-2025 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 |
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| 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> |
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| 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.