

Conduct On School Buses and Consequences For Misbehavior.

Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding the school buses as are expected on school property or at school functions, activities, or events. All school rules are in effect while a student is riding the bus or waiting at a designated bus stop. Be advised, and this statement can not be emphasized or stressed enough... riding the school bus is a privilege and not a right. Privileges are earned and retaining bus riding privileges is simply a matter of respect to self and others within the framework of common courtesy.

Consequences for school bus / bus stop infractions may be imposed by the building administrator or his / her designee. In addition, all bus misconduct will be reported to the building administrator, bus driver, owner of bus company, and parent. Very serious offenses will be reported to the school superintendent, school board transportation representative, the Department of Public Safety, local law enforcement, or all of the above.

Consequences for school bus / bus top misconduct will apply to all regular and late bus routes. Decisions regarding a student's ability to ride the bus in connection with extracurricular events and / or activities, field trips, or other competitions will be at the sole discretion of the school district and the administration acting on behalf of the school district. Parents and guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus riding privileges.

Bus Drivers may, at their discretion assign students to a specific seating arrangement on the bus and may take other correction action, as appropriate to maintain student discipline resulting in school bus safety for all bus passengers.

- 1.) ELEMENTARY PreK- 6
 - First Offense- Written formal notice
 - Second Offense- 3 School Day Bus Suspension
 - Third Offense- 5 School Day Bus Suspension
 - Fourth Offense- 10 School Day Bus Suspension

** Student will not be considered for return to riding the school bus after the fourth (4th) offense until there has been a meeting involving the student, parent, bus driver, bus company owner representation, building principal, superintendent, and in certain instances, a school board member representing the transportation committee. A final decision regarding the reinstatement of student bus riding privileges is reserved by the school board and managed by school administration. Student may be suspended from the riding the school bus for the remainder of the school year at this meeting and following a 10 day bus suspension.

** All written bus notices are expected to be hand delivered by the bus driver to building principals. Copies of bus notices will be retained by the bus garage, school building administrator, and one sent / mailed to parent.

** Further offenses will be individually considered. Students may be suspended for longer periods of time including the remainder of the school year.

** At the elementary level when a student is able to achieve perfect bus behavior for a period of 60 calendar days, the consequence sequence May begin or start at the first offense level.

2.) SECONDARY (7-12)

First Offense-	Written warning
Second Offense-	5 School Day Bus Suspension
Third Offense-	10 School Day Bus Suspension
Fourth Offense-	20 School Day Bus Suspension / Fourth offense triggers a meeting with student, parents, bus driver, bus owner, building principal, superintendent, and on certain matters a school board transportation committee member.
Fifth Offense-	Suspended from riding all school buses remainder of school year. The final decision regarding bus suspension for the remainder of the school year is reserved to the school board and managed by school administration..

3.) OTHER DISCIPLINE

Based on the severity of student's behavior or misconduct, more serious consequences may be imposed at ANY time. Depending on the nature of the offense consequences such as immediate bus suspension, suspension from school, or expulsion may also result in the loss of school bus riding privileges.

4.) RECORDS

Records of school bus / bus stop infractions and / or bus misconduct will be forwarded (delivered to) the school building. All bus reports regarding bus misbehavior or misconduct by a student will be maintained by the school and bus / transportation garage.

5.) BUS DAMAGE / VANDALISM

Students that damage or vandalize a school bus will be responsible for the damages. Failure to pay for such damages or make arrangements to pay within two weeks may result in the loss of bus riding privileges until damages are paid in full.

6.) CRIMINAL CONDUCT

In cases involving criminal conduct (weapons, assault, possession of an illegal substance, or vandalism) the superintendent, local law enforcement officials, and the Department of Public Safety will be informed.