

J.O. Combs Unified School District Transportation Discipline

Riding a bus is a privilege.

- Students may lose their bus riding privileges immediately for serious infractions.
- Bus suspensions may include field trips and activity runs.
- Students who cut, deface or otherwise damage any school vehicle may be disciplined up to expulsion including being held financially liable for the damage.
- School administrators have the authority to determine the length of bus suspension considering the infraction and behavioral history of the student involved.

Bus riders are expected to adhere to the following rules:

- Follow directions immediately when asked. It is unsafe for the driver to have to argue or explain the reason for a request while operating the bus.
- Remain seated at all times and until the bus arrives at the scheduled stop.
- Keep all parts of your body inside the bus and to self at all times.
- Talk quietly as would be in the classroom and use only appropriate language. Remember, younger students are watching and learning from older students.
- Throw away any garbage when exiting the bus.
- Keep the aisle clear at all times including keeping feet and legs out of the aisle.
- Water is the only allowable food or drink.
- Do not tamper with bus equipment or vandalize any parts of the bus. Students WILL be held responsible for the cost of the damage.
- ALL school expectations for appropriate behavior apply when riding the bus.
- Skateboards, longboards, and scooters are not allowed on the bus.

Bus drivers have the authority to apply the following actions regarding student discipline. If the student's misconduct continues, the bus driver will submit a discipline referral to the school administration.

Assigned Seat: The bus driver or school administration may reassign a seat. Parent may be notified.

Student Conference: The bus driver will discuss the inappropriate behavior, describe acceptable behavior and ask the student to make adjustments to his/her behavior so that the consequences do not need to progress. Parent is not typically notified.

Pull over: The bus driver may pull over and stop the bus when student behavior causes an endangerment and it is unsafe to drive the bus. The driver will notify the transportation department. Student discipline referrals may result if the driver takes this action.

Conference with Administrator: The bus driver may request that the school administrator conference with the student about the inappropriate behavior. The bus driver may be present for the conference. Parent may be notified.

LEVEL I		LEVEL II		LEVEL III	
	Failure to remain properly seated		Profanity, obscene language or gestures		Lighting matches/lighter on bus
	Loud disruptive talking or yelling		Extending head or arm out bus window		Throwing objects from the bus
	Failure to take assigned seat		Vandalizing district property		Verbal abuse of, or physical assault on school employee

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	Bothering others		Defiant behavior shown to school employee		Drug/alcohol/tobacco use on bus
	Throwing objects on bus		Spitting on bus/at a person/from the bus		Tampering with emergency equipment
	Crossing behind the bus		Throwing objects at the bus		Possession of weapon, simulated
	Continuously late to bus stop				Weapon, or dangerous instrument
	Inappropriate conduct at bus stop				Shoving student into path of vehicle
	Other:		Other:		Physical assault on student on bus

The violations and definitions listed are not to be viewed as all-inclusive. School administrators have the discretion to assign a violation category to a student’s misconduct based on all evidence collected and in alignment with normal practice. Nothing in this Student Code of Conduct is intended to restrict the district from imposing more or less severe consequences.

Level I

First Offense:

- Conference with the student.
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.

Second Offense:

- Three-day suspension of bus riding privileges.
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Third Offense:

- Ten-day suspension of bus riding privileges.
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Fourth Offense:

- Thirty-day suspension of bus riding privileges (suspension may carry over into next school year)
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Fifth Offense:

- Forty five-day suspension of bus riding privileges (suspension may carry over into next school year)
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Level II

First Offense:

- Five-day suspension of bus riding privileges.
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.

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- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Second Offense:

- Ten-day suspension of bus riding privileges.
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Third Offense:

- Thirty-day suspension of bus riding privileges (suspension may carry over into next school year).
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Fourth Offense:

- Sixty-day suspension of bus riding privileges (suspension may carry over into next school year)
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.

Level III

First Offense:

- Ten-day suspension of bus riding privileges
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.
- Referral submitted to school administration and school consequences applied for violation of District rules. The administrator will apply the discipline matrix found as part of the J.O. Combs Student Discipline Handbook.

Second Offense:

- Forty five-day suspension of bus riding privileges (suspension may carry over into next school year)
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.
- Referral submitted to school administration and school consequences applied for violation of District rules. The administrator will apply the discipline matrix found as part of the J.O. Combs Student Discipline Handbook.

Third Offense:

- One year suspension of bus riding privileges (suspension may carry over into next school year)
- Parent signs and returns Bus Misconduct Report.
- Conference with parent (by telephone or in person) and student. If a parent fails to attend the conference, the student will remain suspended from the bus until the conference has occurred.
- Referral submitted to school administration and school consequences applied for violation of District rules. The administrator will apply the discipline matrix found as part of the J.O. Combs Student Discipline Handbook.

Note: If the incident takes place on a white fleet or van, driven by:

- A member of transportation, the same expectations as discipline of an incident on a school bus will be followed.

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- A teacher/coach, the incident will be treated like an incident in a classroom. The teacher/coach will submit a referral to the appropriate administrator for discipline outlined in the J.O. Combs Student Discipline Handbook.

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