



Monday, March 31, 2025

Newport Grizzly Bus Riding Families,

As a transportation contractor and school district, we see the need to provide clarity around a safe and orderly experience on the school buses. First Student is the transportation contractor hired by the Newport School District to provide a safe and positive experience for the customer: students and their families.

In an effort to create a safe experience for students of all ages, we will be posting what safe ridership looks like on each bus. Our buses will be enforcing posters about **Safe ridership, including:**

- 1) **Follow Driver Directions**
- 2) **Hands & Feet to Self**
- 3) **Appropriate Noise & Language**
- 4) **School rules apply to the school bus and bus stops**

These expectations will be posted in several areas throughout the bus and each driver will discuss how these apply to each bus for all riders. Additionally, we have identified some consequences for repeated and severe infractions. The goal with covering expectations and consequences is to ensure a safe and positive riding experience for all young people.

Between March 31 - April 4th, school principals will be discussing these expectations and processes with students. We will be emailing this letter home on at least two occasions from each school building. On Monday, April 14th, each bus driver will be covering these expectations with each bus as well as enforcing a safe and orderly bus ride.

You can find these expectations and other information on our website under the transportation tab. Please call First Student or our district office with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hutchins
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First Student - Newport, Washington TRANSPORTATION PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE MATRIX

SAFE RIDERSHIP:
Follow Driver Directions
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Updated March 6, 2025

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BASIC INFRACTIONS	CONSEQUENCES FOR NEWPORT STUDENT RIDERS
<p>Basic Infractions include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not following instructions from the Driver ● Drinking, eating, or chewing gum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (excluding water in a resealable, crushable container) ○ Note: Food and drinks must be sealed and stowed in lunch boxes, backpacks, sports bags, etc. Insulated cups (Stanley, Yeti, Artic, etc.) are not permitted unless they have a screw on lid and are stowed. ● Not in assigned seat / refusing to sit in assigned seat / refusing to change seats when instructed ● Not keeping hands to self / Roughhousing ● Intentionally leaving trash on bus ● Being loud/Yelling ● Taking pictures or videos ● Not staying seated / Standing / Walking ● Failing to provide name ● Failing to be quiet at RR crossing ● Use of Profanity ● Verbal Altercation ● Spraying perfume / cologne / body sprays / deodorant / etc. ● Public Displays of Affection 	<p>First Offense: verbal warning with instruction from bus driver</p> <p>**For each offense beyond the first offense, the driver and first student will complete a referral, contact the family, and scan and email the referral to the student's school office</p> <p>Second Offense: Driver completes incident report form, First Student contacts the student's family via phone call and email/scan the referral to the student's school office</p> <p>Third Offense: 1 Day Loss of Bus Privileges and/or school-based consequences up to and including In School Suspension</p> <p>Fourth Offense: 2 Day Loss of Bus Privileges and/or school-based consequences up to and including In School Suspension</p> <p>Fifth Offense: 3 Day Loss of Bus Privileges and/or school-based consequences up to and including In School Suspension</p> <p>Continued Offenses: Further infractions will result in progressive disciplinary actions, continued loss of bus privileges, and an in-person meeting with the student and parent with First Student Manager and School Administration before the student is allowed to resume riding the bus.</p>

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SEVERE INFRACTIONS	CONSEQUENCES FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS *	CONSEQUENCES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS *
<p>Severe Infractions include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Profanity directed toward person(s) ● Fighting/Punching/Striking/Hitting ● Simple Battery on an employee ● Spitting ● Vandalism ● Making a threat(s) ● Bullying / Harassment ● Racism/Prejudice/Racial Slurs ● Drug Paraphernalia ● False Reporting ● Theft ● Throwing Objects on bus ● Throwing Objects out windows ● Inappropriate sexual contact ● Taking, sharing, showing sexually explicit pictures ● Sexual Harassment ● Exposing oneself ● Sexually explicit comments 	<p>First Offense: 5 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Second Offense: 10 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Third Offense: 15 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Fourth Offense: 20 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Fifth Offense: 45 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Sixth Offense: Loss of Bus Privileges <u>pending a Bus Expulsion hearing</u> before the School Principal and Transportation Director.</p>	<p>First Offense: 10 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Second Offense: 15 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Third Offense: 20 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Fourth Offense: 45 Day Loss of Bus Privileges with the possibility of OSS and in-person meeting with the student and parent before the student is permitted to return to the bus</p> <p>Fifth Offense: Loss of Bus Privileges <u>pending a Bus Expulsion hearing</u> before the School Principal and Transportation Director.</p>
ZERO TOLERANCE INFRACTIONS	CONSEQUENCES *	
<p>Zero Tolerance Infractions as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vaping ● Possession of Controlled substances or alcohol with or without consumption ● Bringing a firearm or weapon to school ● Violent Criminal Acts ● Possession of Controlled substances or alcohol by a student and the giving, sharing, delivery or intent to distribute and the sale or delivery, or the intent to deliver for compensation to another person ● Student Victimization ● Gang related activity ● Making a violent crime threat against another student or staff member 	<p>Consequences as outlined in the Code of Student Conduct.</p> <p>The School District will invoke the most severe consequences provided for in the Code of Student Conduct in dealing with students who engage in violent criminal acts on school property, on school-sponsored transportation, at school bus stops, on school buses, or during school sponsored activities.</p>	

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