



**Wachusett Regional School District**  
*Holden, Paxton, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling*

**BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES AND CONSEQUENCES**

The code below classifies unacceptable behavior into three levels. The examples are not exhaustive but illustrative. Additionally, all consequences are dependent upon the severity and frequency of the misbehavior. The administration reserves the right to consider extenuating circumstances in determining disciplinary action.

**LEVEL 1**

<p><b><u>Misbehaviors</u></b>          Misbehaviors that interfere with the orderly transportation of students. Some examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talking too loudly</li> <li>• Failure to stay seated</li> <li>• Littering on the bus</li> <li>• Tampering with the possessions of other passengers</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Consequences</u></b>          The bus driver may address the misbehavior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal warning issued to student</li> <li>• Assign seats</li> </ul>
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**LEVEL 2**

<p><b><u>Misbehaviors</u></b>          More severe misbehaviors that interfere with the orderly transportation of students. Some examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeated occurrences of Level 1 behaviors</li> <li>• Annoying and/or bullying other passengers</li> <li>• Use of profanity</li> <li>• Damage to the bus</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Consequences</u></b>          The bus driver reports misbehaviors on the bus. The principal or designee administers consequences. This action may include any or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference with principal or designee</li> <li>• Contact with parents</li> <li>• Assigned seats</li> <li>• Loss of bus privileges for up to five days</li> <li>• Suspension from school for up to five days</li> </ul>
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**LEVEL 3**

<p><b><u>Misbehaviors</u></b>          Behavior that endangers the safety of the driver or students and which impairs the driver's ability to drive safely. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeated occurrences of Level 1 or 2 behaviors</li> <li>• Refusal to remain in seats</li> <li>• Throwing objects, spitting, or spit balls</li> <li>• Distracting the driver</li> <li>• Refusal to obey driver</li> <li>• Fighting, including pushing and/or wrestling</li> <li>• Lighting matches/lighters</li> <li>• Possession of knives or other dangerous objects</li> <li>• Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Consequences</u></b>          The bus driver reports misbehaviors on the bus. The principal or designee administers consequences. At more severe levels, the superintendent or designee may be involved. This action may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of bus privileges for six to ten days</li> <li>• Suspension for 6 or more days or exclusion from school</li> <li>• Repeated incidents of Level 2 behavior or egregious acts may result in a child being permanently suspended from bus privileges</li> <li>• Illegal activity will be referred to the Police Department</li> </ul>
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**Procedures for reporting passenger misconduct**

1. The bus driver will report misconduct occurring on the school bus to the school administration. If a student shares information pertaining to student misconduct on the bus with a teacher or other staff member, the administration will be notified and speak with the bus driver.
2. A School Bus Conduct Report will be completed and submitted to the school administration and the bus company.
3. The principal or designee and the bus company will retain copies of the signed report.