

Removal from the School Bus

A bus driver may refer a student to the principal's office or the campus behavior coordinator's office to maintain effective discipline on the bus. The principal or campus behavior coordinator must employ additional discipline management techniques, as appropriate, which can include restricting or revoking a student's bus riding privileges.

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 behavior or when specific misconduct warrants immediate removal, the principal or the campus behavior coordinator may restrict or revoke a student's transportation privileges, in accordance with law.

Misconduct will be punished in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct; the privilege to ride in a district vehicle, including a school bus, may be suspended or revoked.

The consequences for misconduct on the bus will be as follows:

- First time a student breaks a rule the driver will have a conference with the student and change seating arrangements if necessary.
- Second time the student breaks a rule the driver will contact parents seeking their assistance. Further incidents will result in written referrals.
- 1st written referral – the Principal will have a conference with the student and parents will be contacted.
- 2nd written referral – the student will receive a 5 day suspension from the bus.
- 3rd written referral – the student will be suspended from the bus for the remainder of the semester.

After returning to the bus in the second semester, if the student receives another bus referral, the student shall be removed from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

*In the event of initiation and/or participation in a major offense, a student may lose bus privileges for an undetermined length of time. The student may also receive other disciplinary action. Flagrant misbehavior could result in immediate removal from the bus. Restitution for any damages incurred must be made before returning to the bus. Student must be dressed according to the dress code when riding the regular bus to and from school.