Important Transportation Expectations for KCSD Families

Dear KCSD Families,

The Keystone Central School District Board of Directors recently approved an updated **Board Policy 810: Transportation**. We want to make sure families are aware of the policy and understand the expectations for students while riding District transportation.

Our buses are an extension of the school day, and our goal is simple: **every student should be able to travel to and from school in a safe, respectful, and responsible environment.**

Students are expected to follow the directions of the driver or monitor, remain appropriately seated, use respectful language, keep hands and objects to themselves, and avoid behavior that may distract the driver or create a safety concern.

Bus Discipline & Safety

An important change under the new transportation policy is that **loss of District transportation privileges may occur earlier in the disciplinary process when student behavior is unsafe or inappropriate.**

For repeated minor incidents, students may lose transportation privileges for **up to three days after a second incident** and **up to five days after a third or subsequent incident**.

Major incidents may result in the loss of transportation privileges beginning with the **first incident**. Depending on the severity, consequences may range from **up to three or five days** for a first major incident to **10 days for repeated major incidents**.

During any period when transportation privileges are suspended, **parents/guardians are responsible for transportation to and from school.** *Failure to attend school could result in unlawful absence.*

The goal is not to remove students from District transportation, but to ensure that every student can travel to and from school safely. Bus drivers must be able to focus fully on the road, and behaviors that create distractions or safety concerns must be addressed promptly.

Please review these expectations with your student and reinforce the importance of making **safe, respectful, and responsible choices** while riding the bus.

The complete policy, including definitions, procedures, and disciplinary consequences, can be reviewed here:**KCSD Board Policy 810: Transportation**