

School Bus Safety Rules

The following school bus safety rules must be followed at all times while on a school bus, activity bus, or any other district vehicle used to transport students to or from school, sports programs, and other school and/or district sponsored events. There will be consequences for any violation of these rules and additional school consequences may be applied. *The list of rules below should not be considered all inclusive.*

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES

Students must:

1. be at the bus stop 5 minutes prior to scheduled pick-up time.
2. follow the directions of the driver.
3. board and exit the bus at their designated stop or school.
4. present ID while on bus, if requested.
5. keep anatomy part(s) inside the window.
6. keep your feet, body, and bags out of the aisle.
7. talk quietly. Avoid loud, boisterous behavior including singing, clapping, stomping, or yelling.
8. go directly home after exiting the school bus.

Students must not:

9. eat, chew gum, drink, or spit on the bus.
10. throw or shoot any type of objects.
11. stand while the bus is in motion (includes while making a stop).
12. have glass containers on the bus.
13. use profanity or verbal abuse.
14. harass, tease, and/or use obscene or sexual gestures.
15. "play fight" or engage in horse play.
16. ride any bus not authorized to ride.
17. ride any bus during a suspension of bus privileges.
18. vandalize the bus or ignite any flammable object while on the bus.
19. hold onto the bus from the outside or pass items in or out of the bus window.
20. make excessive noise or other disruptive behavior.
21. block the aisle with band instruments or book bags.
22. exhibit any behavior that disturbs students or the driver.
23. spray or apply cologne, deodorant, body spray or any other type chemicals or aerosols;

- pump spray, or lotion while on the bus.
24. tamper with the emergency exits or any other part of the bus equipment, including fire extinguishers and first aid equipment unless there are reasonable grounds to believe that an actual emergency situation exists.
 25. use any electronic entertainment/wireless communication device/cell phones, unless authorized.
 26. block emergency exits and aisles. All book bags, equipment, instruments, etc., must be properly stowed in the student's seat or on the floor.
 27. sell candy or other items on the bus.
 28. sit on their book bag, luggage, or legs. The design of the seats is such that a serious injury could occur if the student rises above the height of the seat.
 29. touch or hang on to the bus in any manner before boarding or after discharge.

Video cameras, video phones, or other recording devices while on the school bus, activity bus, or other district vehicle are subject to violation of the Privacy Act and students can be assigned school and bus consequences.

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTATION SUSPENSION

The principal or his/her designee will assign suspensions from riding the school bus or other school vehicles. Inappropriate behavior (Category II, III, and IV) on a school bus or in a school vehicle will be determined by the principal or his/her designee, in collaboration with the transportation supervisor and will involve a school assigned consequence. Category I offenses may also include bus suspensions and/or school assigned consequences.

In any disciplinary incident in which safety is a concern, a student may be temporarily suspended from the bus pending the result of a full investigation. Investigations will normally be completed by the principal or his/her designee within three (3) school days. In the event parents or guardians cannot be reached by phone, a letter will be mailed with the suspension information.

Parents/guardians will have the right to appeal bus suspensions to the district hearing officer in the same manner as suspensions from school.

When an out-of-school suspension and bus suspension are adjudicated for the same offense, the out-of-school suspension and bus suspension run concurrently.

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CONSEQUENCES FOR OFFENSES ON THE BUS OR IN A SCHOOL VEHICLE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Any offense:

- 1st Offense -- warning or up to three (3) days bus suspension
- 2nd Offense -- three (3) days bus suspension
- 3rd Offense -- seven (7) days bus suspension
- 4th Offense -- ten (10) days bus suspension
- 5th Offense -- bus suspension for the remainder of the school year

CONSEQUENCES FOR GANG OR GANG-RELATED ACTIVITY:

Consequences for students who commit the offense of participation in gangs or gang-related activity will be as follows:

1st Offense -- Parent/legal guardian, student, and administrative conference

2nd Offense -- Up to three (3) days out-of school suspension and the student may
be recommended for expulsion

3rd Offense -- Recommend for expulsion