

Authority and Responsibility of Driver



1. Pupils transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of and responsible directly to the driver of the bus, and the driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the pupils while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the bus driver shall be sufficient reason for a pupil to be denied transportation. A bus driver shall not require any pupil to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations.

2. Transportation privileges may be denied a pupil who willfully:

Threatens or actually inflicts bodily harm on any passenger or driver, or endangers the safety of any occupant of the bus or the bus itself.

The Superintendent shall develop written guidelines to be followed in disciplinary cases.

(See Section 9)

Drivers will maintain safe operation of the buses at all times and enforce regulations in conformance with the district Behavior Policy.

Students may be denied transportation privileges for the following reasons:

Disciplinary Causes

1. Any unacceptable bus stop procedures (not lining up, rock throwing, playing in streets. any proper damage at bus stops, etc.).
2. Using other than the student's regularly designated bus stop unless authorized by parent.
3. Unacceptable physical contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair, etc.) in bus or during loading or unloading.
4. Fighting on the bus or at bus stop.
5. Riding or attempting to ride any bus while riding privileges are suspended.
6. Not carrying a valid bus pass and presenting to driver when requested.
7. Unauthorized transportation of live animals, reptiles, insects, glass objects, skateboards, roller blades, etc., on a school bus.
8. Using unauthorized exits (from emergency doors or the windows).
9. Putting any objects or any portion of the body out of the bus window at any time.
10. Unauthorized opening, closing or tampering of any kind with bus doors, windows or emergency exits.
11. Tampering with radio or bus controls of any kind.
12. Any type of intentional damage or defacing of bus.
13. Any movement out of seats while bus is in motion or turning around in seat.
14. Obstructing the aisle with objects or feet, legs, arms, etc.
15. Creating excessive and distracting noise.
16. Failure to remain quiet at all railroad crossings.
17. Using profane language, vulgar gestures, taunting or teasing.
18. Littering or throwing any objects in, out of, or at the bus.
19. Lighting of matches, cigarettes or smoking on the bus.

20. Eating or drinking on the bus.
21. Disrespect and/or willful failure to obey the bus driver.
22. Any other behavior that endangers life or limb of riders or driver or that creates an unsafe condition.

Penalties that may be invoked for infractions are:

1. 1st citation - Call to parent or guardian and a warning notice or one (1) day walking notice issued.
2. 2nd citation - 3 school days' suspension of riding privileges: principal notified, parent conference requested by supervisor of transportation.
3. 3rd citation - 5 to 10 days suspension of riding privileges: principal notified, principal/driver/parent conference requested.
4. 4th citation, or behavior that is deemed to have deliberately endangered the physical safety of students or the driver, - suspension of bus riding privileges for the balance of the semester; may be appealed to the Superintendent.