

### **Transportation: A privilege, not a right**

The goal of the Transportation Department is to provide each student with a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school. Proper conduct of all students while traveling to and from school is required in order for us to meet our goal.

The school district has posted student behavior guidelines in the vehicles which apply to all students while being transported in district vehicles. Each student, along with his or her parent/guardian, is responsible for their behavior while being transported.

Transportation is a privilege granted to the student contingent upon the exhibition of proper behavior according to the district behavioral guidelines. A student's eligibility to ride the school bus may be suspended or revoked for a violation of the stated conduct guidelines or for a violation of any other law or policy governing student conduct on a school bus. The district will not provide alternate transportation for a student that has lost his or her bus riding privilege. Discipline decisions regarding students receiving special education services will align with the student's "Individual Education Program" regarding specialized transportation.

As is stated in School Board Policy 711.05, the law requires the school district to furnish transportation but it does not relieve parents or students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the

morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Once a child boards the bus -- and only at that time -- supervision becomes the responsibility of the school district. This responsibility ends when the child is delivered to his/her bus stop at the close of the school day.

Since we cannot list all the possible violations, any violation not fitting this list will be decided on a case-by-case basis to determine the appropriate level of the violation. If a student commits offenses of different classes in the same incident, the consequences associated with the more serious violation will be applied.

Behavior issues are traced from one year to the next. If a student's bus privilege has been suspended in one year, continued misbehavior in the subsequent year(s) will most likely result in a suspension without further warning.

The Transportation Department realizes that when a suspension is levied it affects not only the student, but the entire family. Parents and guardians are urged to discuss proper conduct on the bus with their students in hopes of avoiding the possibility of a suspension.

The school district may employ the use of audio/video monitoring devices in school vehicles. These devices may be used to monitor bus conduct and may be reviewed in order to determine appropriate bus discipline.



## **Student Bus Conduct & Discipline Guidelines**

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## Serious

- Possession of a handgun, ammunition, knife, weapon or dangerous object
- Possession of alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco/nicotine
- Assault on the driver, bus aide, or students
- Attempting to hold onto/ride the outside of the bus
- Abusive or inappropriate language directed at employees or students
- Bullying or harassment of other students
- Flagrant disregard for safety
- Intentionally running in front of a moving school bus
- Opening an emergency exit without authorization
- Sexual misconduct
- Throwing item at or intentionally distracting the bus driver/aide
- Riding the bus while privilege is suspended
- Ignition of any type of fire source

## Major

- Abusive/profane language directed at district employees or students
- Physical aggression towards another person
- Use or possession of a laser light
- Tampering with bus equipment including lights, radio, and main entrance door
- Extending any body part out of the window on a moving bus
- Willful damage of the property of another student
- Failure to follow safe crossing procedure
- Riding on a bus other than the one assigned
- Boarding or exiting at other than the assigned stop
- Throwing/shooting object out of the bus

## Minor

- Failure to follow driver's directions
- Standing or not facing forward while the bus is moving
- Use of obscene or profane language or gestures
- Shouting or excessive noise making
- Tripping student or blocking the aisle
- General horseplay on the bus
- Throwing or shooting objects inside the school bus
- Eating or drinking
- Moving from seat to seat while the bus is moving
- Inappropriate use of any electronic device
- Refusal to wear seat belt
- Falsely identifying or refusing to identify self to bus driver or bus aide