

**BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE
SCHOOL BUS RIDER DISCIPLINE CODE**



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Students of Bamberg School District One are subject to both the Code of Conduct under school board policy and this School Bus Rider Discipline Code.

The riding of a school bus by students is a privilege. Eligible students are initially granted the privilege of school bus transportation service; however, after initial service all eligible students must earn the privilege by following all applicable rules. The school board expects that while students are utilizing the student transportation services, they will conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the district's Student Code of Conduct. All school bus riders must cooperate fully with their school bus drivers and aides/monitors and must conduct themselves properly at all times.

The Bamberg School District One board of trustees has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The district will use the video cameras to monitor student behavior in order to maintain a safe environment. Students and parents/legal guardians are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes is a confidential student record. The district will retain the videotapes with other student records only if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined by the administration. Parent/Legal guardians may request to view videotapes of their child if the district uses the videotapes in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

The following explanations detail the typical disciplinary action that will be taken with respect to misconduct associated with school bus transportation services.

Level One: Disorderly Conduct (Grades 4k-6)

Disorderly conduct includes any activity in which a student engages that tends to impede the orderly operation of or disturbs school bus operating procedures or activities.

Acts of disorderly conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Delaying the operation of the school bus
- Lying to the driver or aide/mentor
- Acting in a manner that interferes with the safe operation of the school bus
- Obscene language or gestures
- Refusal to obey
- Getting on or off the bus at an unauthorized stop without permission
- Intentionally riding a bus other than the assigned one without permission
- Eating or drinking on the bus
- Failure to remain properly seated
- Pushing, tripping, or engaging in general horseplay
- Encouraging others to misbehave
- Defacing property
- Littering

- Throwing objects out of, inside of, or at the bus without inflicting damage to the bus or injury to another person
- Refusal to sit in an assigned seat

First Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student's parents will be contacted by phone or sent a copy of the conduct report, advising them of the misconduct and any related actions taken by the school. This will be a warning.

Second Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will receive a 1 day suspension from riding the school bus. A parent conference with the school administration will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus.

Third Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will receive a 3 day suspension from riding the school bus. A parent conference with the school administration will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus.

Fourth Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will receive a 5 day suspension from riding the school bus. A parent conference at the school will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus. Parents will be informed that further violations could result in a loss of riding privileges for the remainder of the year.

Fifth Offense or Greater:

The bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will be informed that he or she has lost riding privileges for a period of 10 days or more (up to the remainder of the year). Parents will be notified of the action taken by the school administration.

Level One: Disorderly Conduct (Grades 7-12)

Disorderly conduct includes any activity in which a student engages that tends to impede the orderly operation of or disturbs school bus operating procedures or activities.

Acts of disorderly conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Delaying the operation of the school bus
- Lying to the driver or aide/mentor

- Acting in a manner that interferes with the safe operation of the school bus
- Obscene language or gestures
- Refusal to obey
- Getting on or off the bus at an unauthorized stop without permission
- Intentionally riding a bus other than the assigned one without permission
- Eating or drinking on the bus
- Failure to remain properly seated
- Pushing, tripping, or engaging in general horseplay
- Encouraging others to misbehave
- Defacing property
- Littering
- Throwing objects out of, inside of, or at the bus without inflicting damage to the bus or injury to another person
- Refusal to sit in an assigned seat

First Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student's parents will be contacted by phone or sent a copy of the conduct report, advising them of the misconduct and any related actions taken by the school. This will be a warning.

Second Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will receive a minimum 1-day suspension from riding the school bus. A parent conference with the school administration will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus.

Third Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will receive a minimum 3-day suspension from riding the school bus. A parent conference with the school administration will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus.

Fourth Offense or Greater:

The bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will be informed that he or she has lost riding privileges for a period of 10 days or more (up to the remainder of the year). Parents will be notified of the action taken by the school administration.

Level Two: Disruptive Conduct (4K – 12)

Disruptive conduct includes those activities in which students engage that are directed against another person or property and the consequences of which tend to endanger the health or safety of

themselves or others. Some instances of disruptive conduct may overlap certain criminal offenses, justifying both administrative sanctions and court proceedings.

Acts of disruptive behavior may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Fighting
- Stealing
- Making threats against others
- Defacing property (greater than \$100 in damage)
- Harassing, threatening, intimidating, or physically abusing other students
- Possessing or using any unauthorized substances, as defined by law or the local school board
- Occupying or blocking the school bus in any way with the intent to deprive others of its use
- Engaging in inappropriate verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature
- Acting in any manner that interferes with the safe delivery of student transportation services
- **Improper use of cell phone. Example: videoing other students.**

First Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will be suspended from school 3 days. A parent conference with the school administration will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus.

Second Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will be suspended from school 5 days. A parent conference at the school will be required prior to the student being allowed to resume riding the bus. Parents will be informed that further violations could result in a loss of riding privileges for the remainder of the year.

Third Offense:

The school bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up and the student will be informed that he or she has lost riding privileges for the remainder of the school year. Parents will be notified of the action taken by the school administration.

Level Three: Criminal Conduct (4K – 12)

Criminal conduct includes those activities in which students engage that may result in violence to themselves or to another person or that pose a direct and serious threat to the safety of themselves or others in or around the school bus and at the bus stop while the bus is present. These activities usually require administrative actions that result in the immediate and permanent removal of the student from the school bus and the school but also in the intervention of law enforcement authorities and/or in action by the school board.

Acts of criminal conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Assault and battery**
- **Extortion**
- **A bomb threat or other threat that directly endangers the safety of a person or the school bus**
- **The possession, use, or transfer of a weapon**
- **Sexual offenses**
- **Vandalism of property that results in damages over \$100**
- **The theft, possession, or sale of stolen property**
- **Arson or the threat of arson**
- **The furnishing or selling of unauthorized substances, as defined by board policy**
- **The threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the school bus driver, district employee, or any other person**
- **Furnishing, selling, or possessing controlled substances (drugs, narcotics, or poisons)**

First Offense:

The school bus driver shall immediately contact the school administrator and the district transportation director and advise them of the student's criminal conduct. Depending on the circumstances of the criminal act, the bus driver may first contact a law enforcement agent. As soon as possible the bus driver will submit to the school administrator a copy of the write-up. As appropriate, the school administrator will contact law enforcement and the district office. The parents of the student will be notified of the misconduct and related proceedings. The parents will be informed of the student's loss of riding privileges for the remainder of the year and any other actions taken.

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BUS # _____

Please sign and return this page to the school bus driver by Monday, August 27, 2018. Failure to do so will result in the loss of student's riding privileges until this form is returned.

I have read and understand the school bus rider discipline code and agree, as a school bus rider, to abide by these regulations.

Parents are required to inform Curtis Williams (Transportation Director) if a child is riding a bus other than the normal one. Any bus changes MUST be in writing with a parent signature and phone number and sent to Mr. Williams on or before the day of the change.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Child two: _____

Child three: _____

Child four: _____

I have read and understand the regulations for my child(ren) riding the school bus and agree to assume responsibility for my child's conduct on the school bus.

Parent printed name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Home #: _____

Cell #: _____

Work #: _____

Address: _____

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