

Discipline Policies and Expectations

Expectations-At Bus Stop

- Fighting, harassment, intimidation and horseplay are forbidden at bus stops.
- No use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs at bus stops.
- The use of profanity is not allowed at bus stops.

Expectations-On the Bus

- Students are to immediately follow the directions of the driver.
- Students are to sit in their seat facing forward.
- Use of profanity is not permitted on the bus and students are to talk quietly.
- Students are to keep all parts of their body inside the bus.
- Students are to keep arms, legs and belongings to themselves.
- Fighting, harassment, intimidation and horseplay are forbidden on the bus.
- Students are not to throw any object on the bus.
- No use or possession of alcohol, tobacco or drugs on the bus.
- All articles that students bring onto the bus with them must be able to fit on the student's lap in their bus seat.
- Do not bring any weapon or dangerous objects on the bus.
- Students are not to damage the school bus.
- Food and open container beverages are not to be consumed or distributed on the bus.
- Bus drivers have the right to assign seats to students.

Some items not allowed on school buses during regular routes

- animals or insects
- hazardous materials (knives, guns, flammable solutions)
- oversized school projects
- skateboards, skis, ski poles, fishing gear, hockey sticks, baseball bats, golf clubs, golf bags, sleds
- balloons (may get loose and distract the driver)

Some items permitted on school buses

- a backpack type bag
- band instruments (small enough to be contained on student's lap)
- ice skates (must be in a bag or have skate guards)
- perfumed items such as hair, body sprays (including pumps and/or aerosols), fingernail polish, etc., may be carried but not used inside the bus

Bus Discipline

Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will apply to all routes. Decisions regarding a student's ability to ride the bus in connection with co-curricular and extra-curricular events (i.e., field trips or competitions) will be the sole discretion of the school district. However, if a student is suspended from the bus, that suspension will apply to all buses and routes, including field trips and athletic competitions. Parents or guardians will be notified of any suspension of bus privileges.

Students K-12:

- Verbal Warning
- Written warning and Notification to parent
- 1 day bus suspension
- 3 day bus suspension
- 5 day bus suspension
- Bus suspension for the remainder of the 9 week period.
- Bus suspension for the remainder of the semester
- Bus suspension for the remainder of the school year
- Transportation privileges are revoked

Special Ed. students will receive discipline in conjunction with the Transportation policies and the student's I.E.P.

Based on the severity of a student's conduct, more serious consequences may be imposed at any time. Depending on the nature of the offense, consequences such as suspension or expulsion from school may also result from school bus/bus stop misconduct.

Records of school bus/bus stop misconduct will be forwarded to the individual school building and may be retained in the same manner as other student discipline records. Reports of serious misconduct will be provided to the Department of Public Safety. Records may also be maintained in the transportation office.

Students damaging school buses will be responsible for the damage. Failure to pay such damages/ restitution (or make arrangements to pay) within two weeks will result in the loss of bus privileges until damages are paid.

In cases involving criminal conduct (i.e., assault, weapons, possession or vandalism), the transportation office will press charges on the student involved and will inform the Superintendent, local law enforcement officials and the Department of Public Safety