

## **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The following regulations will govern student conduct on school buses and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses:

1. Students being transported are under **authority** of the bus driver.
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus.
3. Students will use the emergency door **only** in case of emergency.
4. Students will be on time for the bus both morning and evening. Driver's will **not** turn around to get your student, we are on a schedule and must stick to that schedule.
5. Students will not bring firearms, knives, weapons or other potentially hazardous material On the bus.
6. Students will not bring animals, except **approved** assistance guide animals, on the bus.
7. Students will remain seated while the bus is in motion.
8. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver.
9. When necessary to cross the road, students shall cross in front of the bus or as specifically instructed by the bus driver.
10. Students will not extend their hands, arms, feet or heads through bus windows.
11. Students will need written permission to get off the bus other than at home or school.
12. Students will converse in normal tones. Loud or vulgar language or obscene gestures are prohibited.
13. Students will not open or close windows without the permission of the driver.
14. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging anything on the bus.
15. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passersby.
16. Students who refuse to promptly obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the bus.

The superintendent will establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding district school buses or other forms of district transportation. Such regulations will be available to all parents and students and posted in each school bus or other district vehicle.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Each year the district will include the following transportation rules in the student/parent handbook. The district will provide interpretation to those students /parents whose language is not English.

While riding a school bus, students will be expected to obey the following rules:

- \*1. Obey the driver at all times.
- \*2. No throwing objects.
- \*3. Not have in their possession any weapons as defined by Board policy JFCJ.
- \*4. No fighting, wrestling or scuffling.
- \*5. No standing up and/or moving from seats while the bus is in motion.
- \*6. No extending hands, head, feet or objects from windows or doors;
- \*7. No possession of matches or other incendiaries and concussion devices.
- \*8. Use emergency exits **only** as directed by the driver in the event of an emergency.
- \*9. No damage to school property or personal property of others.
- \*10. No threatening or physically harming the driver or other student(s)/riders.
- \*11. No disruptive activity which might cause the driver to stop in order to re-establish order.
- \*12. No making disrespectful or obscene statements to the driver and/or other student(s)/riders.
- \*13. No possession or use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs while on the bus.
- 14. No eating or chewing gum.
- 15. No carrying glass containers or other glass objects.
- 16. No skateboards, musical instruments or other large objects which might pose a safety concern or a barrier to safely enter and exit from the bus, will be allowed on the bus.
- 17. All student(s)/riders will accept assigned seats, if they are given.
- 18. Stay away from the bus when it is moving.
- 19. Be at the bus stop **five minutes before** the scheduled pick up time.
- \*\*20. Answer to coaches, teachers and chaperons who are responsible for maintaining order on trips.
- 21. Students who are suspended from riding the bus or from school for any reason are restricted from riding **any** school bus during the time of suspension.

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\* These regulations, if broken, are **SEVERE** violations with severe consequences because of the threat to the safety of others.

\*\* Coaches, teachers and chaperons: (1) must have a copy of the bus regulations and know them before going on a trip; and (2) must position themselves on the bus as to be in control of discipline at all times.

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## **VIOLATIONS**

Each year the district will include the following procedures for violations in the student/parent handbook. The district will provide interpretation to those students/parents whose primary language is not English.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS**

1. First Citation - **Warning\***: The driver verbally re-states behavior expectations and issues a warning citation followed by a phone call to the parent(s)/guardian. (No suspension off the bus.)
2. Second Citation\*: The student is suspended from the bus for 1-5 day(s) until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, the parent(s)/guardian, the bus driver, and the transportation supervisor.
3. Third Citation\* **of the year**: The student receives a 5 - 9 days suspension and will not be able to ride the bus until a conference, arranged by the transportation supervisor, has been held with the student, the parent/guardian, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor. Further violations of bus regulations will be considered a severe violation.
4. **Severe Violations:** Any severe violation will result in the immediate suspension of the student for a minimum of 9 days, and up to a 1-year expulsion. There will be a hearing at this time, arranged by the transportation supervisor, involving the student, the bus driver, the transportation supervisor, the parent/guardian.
5. In all instances, the appeal process may be used if the student and/or parent/guardian desires.
6. **Students who are suspended from riding the bus or from school for any reason are restricted from riding any school district bus during the time of suspension.**

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\*All citations must be signed by the parents, the transportation supervisor, and the bus driver before the student will be allowed to ride the bus again.

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