

Bus Conduct -- Discipline Code

Our transportation staff works very hard to provide a positive commute for our student population. The school bus driver is the first and last school employee that your child sees when leaving and returning to their homes. They play a very important role in our District's educational process by teaching and enforcing proper bus conduct.

The child's conduct on the bus is only one aspect of his/her general citizenship pattern as conditioned by the home, school and community. Good pupil conduct contributes to safety. It helps to avoid accidents which may result from the distraction of the driver. It also reduces the number of accidents in which pupils injure themselves or each other.

As a result of misconduct on the bus, disciplinary action will be applied at the discretion of the building principal. The facts in each case will be thoroughly reviewed. This procedure will be followed for written bus conduct reports submitted by the bus driver.

1st Offense: Conference with building principal – first warning – report to parent.

2nd Offense: Following consultation with the bus driver – second warning to the student.

3rd Offense: Consultation with bus driver – letter to parent for a conference – bus suspension 2-3 days.

Further offenses will increase the number of days with privilege of bus transportation being denied for 2-3 weeks.

The principal is allowed discretion to determine the steps to be followed and the length of suspension according to the degree of misconduct. Serious incidents of misconduct could result in immediate suspension.

Listed below are some of the infractions that will result in disciplinary action.

1. Fighting, pushing, tripping
2. Failure to remain in seat
3. Refusing to obey bus driver
4. Hanging out of window
5. Throwing objects in or out of bus
6. Spitting/littering
7. Destruction of property
8. Unacceptable language
9. Rude/discourteous/annoying behavior.

Bus riding is a privilege which may be revoked due to misconduct. Parents are urged to appreciate the disciplinary action taken and to discuss this to prevent further occurrence. Parents must make restitution for school property willfully damaged by their child.

Video Cameras on School Buses

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extra-curricular activities. Students found violating bus conduct rules will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the district's code of conduct.