

Student Conduct on School Buses

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The privilege to ride a school bus is contingent upon following the expectations outlined in this handbook.

The driver of the school bus shall be in complete charge of the bus during the ride and while students are entering or leaving the vehicle. Students shall be required to conform to all regulations concerning discipline, safety and behavior while riding on the school bus. Students are expected to use their district-issued bus pass each time they ride the bus. The driver shall notify appropriate authorities if a student persists in violating the established rules of conduct. After due warning has been given to the student and/or families, the privilege of riding the bus may be withheld from the student.

Violation of district policies and regulations while on the school bus may result in student discipline up to and including suspension or expulsion, in accordance with district policy.

For additional information, please refer to [**District Policy JICC- Student Conduct on School Buses**](#) .

Student Contract - Transportation

This applies to behavior on school buses and at bus stops. If a bus is equipped with seatbelts, they must be worn at all times.

Level 1 Offenses that cause Delay, Disruption or Distraction

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1. Failure to remain properly seated in the assigned seat
2. Loud, disruptive talking or yelling or noises
3. Disturbing or targeting another student, driver or assistant
4. Eating or drinking on the bus
5. Littering
6. Failure to keep your hands, feet and body to yourself
7. Unauthorized cell phone usage, including talking on the phone, taking pictures or making videos
8. Refusal to show bus pass or give student name on driver's request; Use of a false bus pass.

Level 2 Offenses that are Disrespectful, Illegal, Damaging or Demeaning

1. Profanity, obscene language or gestures
2. Extending anything or any part of your body outside of the bus window
3. Refusal to follow bus driver instructions or other defiant behavior
4. Spitting on the bus or at others
5. Throwing objects on the bus or at the bus
6. Having tobacco, alcohol, drugs, including paraphernalia on the bus
7. Defacing school district property or personal property (Under \$2,000)
8. All forms of bullying, including verbal, physical or electronic
9. Possession of laser pens, lighters, fireworks or other combustibles
10. Inappropriate touching or physical displays of affection
11. Unsafe behavior not listed elsewhere

Level 3 Offenses which are Extremely Damaging or Dangerous

1. Fighting or physical assault
2. A weapon, simulated weapon, firearm, destructive device or dangerous instruments
3. Lighting matches, lighters or setting anything on fire
4. Lighting fireworks or other explosives on fire
5. Destroying school district or personal property (Over \$2,000)
6. Verbal, ethnic, racial and or sexual abuse, or threat of harm or violence directed towards anyone
7. Using tobacco, alcohol or drugs, including vaping
8. Activation or tampering with emergency or safety equipment on the bus
9. Unauthorized exit from the emergency door or any window
10. Use of laser pens, lights or other shining or reflective devices to distract or obscure the driver's vision

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- 11. Shoving student(s) in the path of any oncoming vehicle
- 12. Physically impeding the movement of school bus
- 13. Throwing objects out of the bus
- 14. Throwing objects at/toward the driver/assistant or other student
- 15. Theft of personal or district property
- 16. Inappropriate sexual behavior, such as exposing private parts, performing sexual acts or gestures
- 17. Urinating
- 18. Any action causing harm to others

Disciplinary Guidelines For School Bus Offenses

All bus suspensions are school days. Subsequent offenses are cumulative from the original offense. In all cases, a copy of the citation will be sent home, emailed or mailed to the student’s home address. If a student is suspended from the bus, parents or guardians are responsible for providing transportation to and from school.

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Restorative Practices may be utilized after a citation.

Grades K-5

Level 1	
1 st Offense	Assigned Seat
2 nd Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension
4 th Offense	5-10 Days Suspension

Level 2

1 st Offense	Assigned Seat
2 nd Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension
4 th Offense	5-10 Days Suspension

Level 3

1 st Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
2 nd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	5-10 Days Suspension
4 th Offense	10 Days - Rest of Year

Grades 6-8

Level 1

1 st Offense	Assigned Seat
2 nd Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension
4 th Offense	5-10 Days Suspension

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Level 2

1 st Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
2 nd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	5-10 Days Suspension
4 th Offense	10-15 Days Suspension

Level 3

1 st Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
2 nd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	5-10 Days Suspension
4 th Offense	10 Days - Rest of Year

Grades 9-12

Level 1

1 st Offense	Assigned Seat
2 nd Offense	1-3 Days Suspension
3 rd Offense	3-5 Days Suspension

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Level 1

4th Offense

5-10 Days Suspension

Level 2

1st Offense

1-3 Days Suspension

2nd Offense

3-5 Days Suspension

3rd Offense

5-10 Days Suspension

4th Offense

20 Days - Rest of Year

Level 3

1st Offense

3-5 Days Suspension

2nd Offense

5-10 Days Suspension

3rd Offense

10-20 Days Suspension

4th Offense

20 Days - Rest of Year

Other district or legal actions may be taken, and consequences may vary. The bus pass will not be refunded due to suspension.

