

### **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board of Education requires children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

In cases when a child does not conduct himself properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the Superintendent or designee by the bus driver.

Children who become a disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal. Before a suspension from bus/vehicle riding privileges is imposed, the Superintendent or designee will provide a student with notice of an intended suspension and an opportunity to appear before the designee. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

#### **Bus Rider Rules**

Drivers are held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students. Listed below are the rules and regulations which students must follow while in transit to and from school. Any violation of these established rules or the rules set forth in the Code of Student Conduct will result in disciplinary action by school authorities.

- A. Students must board and depart buses at assigned stop.
- B. While at bus stops students:
  - 1. Must avoid walking or playing on lawns or abusing other peoples property.
  - 2. Must not fight or push.
  - 3. Must not throw any objects at cars or buses.
  - 4. Must not walk or play in the street.
  - 5. Students are expected to be at their bus stops 5 minutes prior to the arrival of the bus, unless an emergency or extenuating circumstances prevail. Bus drivers will not delay their routes for tardy students.
- C. Students must sit in assigned seats upon boarding the bus.
- D. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- E. No food or drink will be consumed while a passenger on the bus.
- F. Smoking or using any flammable material will result in suspension from the bus.

- G. Loud or profane language will not be permitted.
- H. Fighting policy: Fighting will not be tolerated on the bus and may result in immediate suspension. Discipline to be determined by the principal of the school.
- I. Destruction of seats or any other bus parts will be grounds for suspension and action may be taken against the parents.
- J. Students will not be discourteous to the driver.
- K. Hitting or pushing students on the bus will not be tolerated and will constitute fighting.
- L. Students will board bus immediately after dismissal bell.
- M. Students will ride only assigned buses unless they have written permission from the parent and approved by the principal.
- N. No high school students are permitted to ride the elementary or middle school bus.
- O. No glass objects are permitted on the bus.
- P. No live animals are permitted on the bus.
- Q. No drugs, firearms, dangerous ordinance, or anything that might be considered a weapon is permitted on the bus and will be just cause for immediate suspension from the bus and possible criminal action.
- R. At All Times
  - 1. The above regulations would apply to any trip under school sponsorship. School rules and regulations are to be followed at all times.
  - 2. Pupils shall respect the wishes of chaperones appointed by the school officials.
  - 3. Help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
  - 4. Any action that endangers the safety and welfare of any person is forbidden.

This Policy shall be posted in a central location in each building of the District and made available to students upon request.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §3327.014

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