

DISCIPLINE STEPS FOR BUS MISBEHAVIOR

- 1) Minor Infractions:
 - a) Verbal warnings will be given to the students by the bus driver to stop the detrimental behavior. Drivers will reinforce the rules to students. If this does not solve the problem:
 - b) The driver will write a referral, and a conference will be held between the offending students, driver, Transportation Director, and/or Principal of the school the student attends. The student is warned by the Principal and a copy of the report is sent to the parent(s). Included in this warning is the statement that a second referral may result in a 10 day suspension of bus privilege. The Principal issues the suspension.
 - c) A second written referral may result in a suspension of bus privileges for 10 days. A report is sent to the parent(s) stating the 10 days suspension and that a third report would mean that the student could lose his/her bus privilege for the remainder of the year. The principal issues the suspension.
 - d) A third written report may result in suspension of bus privilege for the remainder of the year. He/she and parent(s) are informed that the student may be reinstated only by the Superintendent.
- 2) If a major infraction occurs, such as fighting or vandalism and other such activities, the driver shall pull the bus off of the road and stop the activity. The driver may call law enforcement if the infraction warrants. The driver will then proceed on the route. When the stop for the student is reached, the driver shall inform the student that he/she is suspended from the bus until further notice. The Transportation Director shall be notified as soon as practical.
- 3) The Principal will talk with the student(s) involved and get his/her side of the story. He/she will then make a decision as to what action will be taken. He/she can suspend the student from the bus for any length of time or may refer the case to the Superintendent. Eventual suspension can range from a few days to a year. No set rules can be made for major infractions because the cases will vary and the students are different.
- 4) All suspension or expulsion from school vehicles will be in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspension, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

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