

TRANSPORTATION

Students residing outside of walking boundaries are eligible to ride a school bus to and from school. Bus riding is a privilege that can be revoked at any time.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS FOR BUS CONDUCT

"Bus Misconduct" includes (1) failure to abide by the Code of Conduct while being transported in a vehicle owned or operated by the District, (2) riding on a bus without permission, or (3) failure to observe any of the following specific rules while riding in a vehicle owned or operated by the District.

- A. Obey driver's instructions
- B. Remain seated in assigned seats
- C. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- D. Talk quietly and respectfully
- E. Only water may be consumed on the bus
- F. Follow all school rules on the bus and at bus stops
- G. When instruments or equipment related to musical or athletic events are transported on a school bus, such instruments or equipment:
 - 1. Shall be transported in a bag or carrying case of sufficient weight to restrain the equipment in the event of an accident
 - 2. Shall not occupy seating space if needed for a passenger.
 - 3. Shall not be placed in the school bus driver's compartment or step well
 - 4. Shall be placed under the passenger's control at all times or secured in the school bus
 - 5. Shall not block an aisle or emergency exit of school bus at any time

Consequences

Any violation of the specific rules listed above may result in one or more of the following actions by the driver:

- A. Counsel student
- B. Move student to another seat.
- C. Issue bus conduct referral to the student and school administration. If the student is referred to school administration, action taken may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - 1st referral: The student will be counseled and/or disciplined by administration as deemed appropriate which could include loss of bus privileges
 - 2nd referral: Parent will be contacted and the student may lose bus-riding privileges up to three (3) days.
 - 3rd referral: Parent will be contacted and the student may lose bus-riding privileges up to five (5) days
 - 4th referral: Parent will be contacted and the student may lose bus-riding privileges for up to the remainder of the school year.

Any other violation of the Code of Conduct that occurs while the student is on a bus will be treated in the same manner as if the violation had occurred in a classroom or on campus. A serious infraction may result in an immediate bus suspension and/or school based consequences on a first offense.

Note: The administration may review video tapes from buses at any time.