

8600.1 PUPIL BUS CONDUCT

Causes for Loss of Privilege

Pupils may lose their bus transportation privilege because of:

- A. Disobedience to the bus drivers instruction.
- B. Failure to observe safety practices such as entering or leaving the bus properly, keeping aisles clear, remaining in seat, not tampering with any equipment.
- C. Disrespect to fellow passengers or the public including pushing, teasing, uncouth, loud or profane language, rude gestures, littering, and destruction or damage to property.
- D. Failure to be at their assigned bus stop on time and not respecting the property of the residences at which the bus stop is located. Pupils shall remain off the roadway and are prohibited from activities which could create dangerous situations to themselves or to other pupils.

Kindergarten through Grade Five

The school bus driver may refer any pupil who misbehaves to the Principal of the school the pupil attends. The bus driver shall use the standard "Misconduct Report on Bus" form when making the referral for each offense. These forms shall be filled in completely and correctly with all sheets attached.

A. First Offense

The Principal shall counsel the pupil involved; fill out the section of the form "Disposition by Principal," and forward copies as follows:

- 1 copy to driver
- 1 copy to be retained at school
- 1 copy to transportation supervisor
- 1 copy to parent(s) or legal guardian(s)



B. Second Offense

The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) should be contacted by phone or letter. Depending on the severity of the infraction, the privilege of transportation may be denied with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) knowledge.

C. Third Offense

The Principal must communicate with the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) preferably by conference, and the pupil may be deprived of transportation to and from school.

Additional reports of misbehavior may result in extended suspension of a pupil's bus riding privilege or total suspension of same.

Failure of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to meet with the Principal may result in suspension of the pupil's riding privilege until a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) attends such a conference and the necessary disciplinary action is decided upon.

Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must be notified, in writing, of pupil's suspension of bus riding privilege. One copy of all suspension letters is to be sent to the Transportation office.

Grades Six through Twelve

A. First offense

Conference between guidance counselor or administrator and pupil.

B. Second offense

Conference between administrator and pupil . Telephone or written communication to parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to solicit their cooperation and provide notification of the disciplinary action taken.

C. Third offense

Suspension of bus privilege for one week (five days); telephone to parent(s) or legal guardian(s), followed up with an appropriate suspension letter. Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) responsible for transportation to and from school.



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D. Fourth offense

If a fourth offense occurs, the pupil may lose his/her privilege of being transported to and from school on a school bus for the remainder of the year.

Special Instances

Smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages on a school bus will result in immediate suspension of riding privileges for a minimum of five school days. Repeated violations will result in extended periods of suspension of riding privileges at the discretion of the Principal.

Vandalism of school buses will result in immediate suspension of the pupil's riding privileges for a minimum of five school days and full payment for repair of damages. Riding privileges shall not be restored until damage is paid for in full. All payments for damage are to be made through the Transportation office.

All notices of suspension of pupils' riding privileges will be accompanied by a letter to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupils involved, giving the effective date of suspension. Two copies of the letter are to be sent to the Supervisor of Transportation's office.

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