

## Student conduct on School Buses

(Regulations)

Misconduct on the buses will not be tolerated and will result in forfeiture of the privileges of riding.

Students are expected to discipline themselves and comply with the instructions of the bus driver. The driver will be in full charge of the bus and the passengers. There must be no disturbances of any kind that might distract the driver and imperil the safety of the passengers.

When a child is riding, boarding, or leaving the bus, the bus driver has supervisory control over the student.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

Children who do not follow the Rules of Conduct or direction of the bus driver or other supervisory personnel on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

Students will observe the following rules while riding school buses.

# **BUS RIDING RULES**

- **The Bus Driver can and will assign seats at ANY time.**
- **Always follow the instructions of the Bus Driver and be respectful.**
- **Alcohol, tobacco products, vape devices, or weapons are NOT ALLOWED.**
- **You must stay on your seat in your seat. Standing will not be tolerated. All body parts & objects must stay inside the bus.**

- Hands to yourself at all times. Always be respectful to others & their space.
- Fighting, punching, kicking, pushing, tripping, spitting WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!
- English will be spoken while on the bus, just as in the classroom.
- Screaming and yelling are not allowed. (You MUST use your classroom voice while on the bus.)
- All garbage must go into the trash buckets. Eating and drinking are not allowed.
- Any damage/vandalism to the bus will be paid for by YOU.
- Throwing objects is NOT allowed.
- ZPass must be scanned every time.

### CONSEQUENCES

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES CAN RESULT IN  
SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF BUS RIDING  
PRIVILEGES AS WELL AS IN-SCHOOL CONSEQUENCES.**

Misconduct and/or not abiding by the bus rules will result in consequences. Those consequences will be enforced by the following progressive conduct classifications.

## School Transportation – Inappropriate Bus Behavior and Consequences

	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	4 <sup>th</sup> Offense	5 <sup>th</sup> Offense
<p><b><u>Class 1-Conduct</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Standing/walking while bus is moving</li> <li>● Throwing items</li> <li>● Loud/boisterous behavior</li> <li>● Littering</li> <li>● Eating and/or drinking</li> <li>.</li> </ul>	Warning- driver talks with student	Warning- driver, transportation director, and/or school principal notify parent	Official conduct is written for student and is recorded accordingly on DDN.  Parents are notified by transportation director and/or principal.	Detention or other school consequence given  Parent meeting may be required  (A bus conduct will be recorded and parent contact will be made.)	Becomes a Class 2 Conduct
<p><b><u>Class 2- Conduct</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inappropriate language</li> <li>● Obscene gesture</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Disrespectful actions toward driver or other personnel</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Name calling</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Harassment of others</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Horseplay</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Writing on seats or other parts of the bus</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Spitting</li> <li>.</li> <li>● Lying/cheating</li> </ul>	Warning- Bus conduct Loss of bus privileges for 1 day  Parent contacted by school official (Transportation director/building principal)	Bus conduct  Parent contacted by school official (Transportation director/building principal)-  Student visits with building principal  2 day suspension of bus privileges	Bus conduct  Parent contacted by school official (Transportation director/building principal)-  Student visits with building principal  3 day suspension of bus privileges	Becomes a Class 3 Conduct	

<p><b><u>Class 3- Conduct</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fighting/physical aggression</li> <li>• Vandalism</li> <li>• Threat to safety: verbal, written, or physical</li> <li>• Theft</li> <li>• Abusive language</li> <li>• Gross insubordination</li> </ul>	<p>Parent contacted by school official (Transportation director/building principal)-</p> <p>Student visits with building principal</p> <p>*Suspension at school 1 day - as determined by building administration</p> <p>5 day suspension of bus privileges</p>	<p>Parent contacted by school official (Transportation director/building principal)-</p> <p>Student visits with building principal</p> <p>*OSS/ISS for 2-3 days Suspension at school - as determined by building administration</p> <p>7-10 day suspension of bus privileges.- as determined by transportation administration.</p> <p>Damage to bus will be paid for.</p>	<p>Becomes a Class 4 Conduct</p>		
<p><b><u>Class 4- Conduct</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol, Tobacco, Vape devices, etc.</li> <li>• Weapon with no intent</li> </ul>	<p>Parent contacted by school official (Transportation director/building principal)-</p> <p>Student visits with building principal</p> <p>*OSS/ISS 3+ days -as determined by building principal</p> <p>5-15 day suspension of bus privileges – as determined by transportation administration.</p> <p>SRO will be notified</p>	<p>Becomes a Class 5 Conduct</p>			
<p><b><u>Class 5 – Conduct</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weapon w/ intent</li> <li>• Use of lighter or matches on the bus</li> </ul>	<p>SRO will be notified.</p> <p>Bus privileges suspended for the remainder of the school year (following year privileges will be determined by administration)</p> <p>*School suspension as determined by administration</p>				

**\*All OSS/ISS consequences will be at the Principal’s discretion.**

## **ZPass**

The ZPass is **required** for every student kindergarten through fifth grade that utilizes the school bus for transportation. The only exception to this is if the parent(s) has signed a Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Transportation Agreement.

It is **mandatory** for every student to scan their ZPass **every time that they get on and off of all buses**. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the following consequences:

1<sup>st</sup> conduct = warning

2<sup>nd</sup> conduct = 1 day suspended from the bus

3<sup>rd</sup> conduct = 2 days suspended from the bus

4<sup>th</sup> conduct = 3 days suspended from the bus

5<sup>th</sup> conduct = 4 days suspended from the bus

Etc.

Keeping track of the issued ZPass is the responsibility of the student. Any student needing a replacement ZPass should **immediately** notify their bus driver and the school office. The cost for a replacement ZPass is \$5.