

Consequences For Unacceptable Behavior

Incidents of unacceptable student conduct on or near a school bus, or at the school bus stop, are divided into class I, II, III offenses, depending on the severity of the incident. The consequences to be applied are:

Class I offenses (Most serious Offenses)

- First Offense: Grades 4-12 and Second Offense Grades K-3: Loss of bus service for the remainder of the school year or 120 days whichever is longer.
- Second Offense: Grades K-3 Loss of bus service for 30 days and parent conference.

Class II Offenses (serious)

- First offense: Written warning and 1-5 day suspension of transportation privileges and written notification of parent/guardian.
- Second Offense: 3-5 day suspension of transportation privileges and parent conference.
- Third Offense: 10 day suspension of transportation privileges and parent conference.
- Fourth Offense: 30 day suspension of transportation privileges and parent conference.
- Fifth Offense: Loss of transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year or 120 days, whichever is longer.

Class III Offenses

- First offense: Conference with principal and written notification of parent/guardian.
- Second Offense: Written warning or 1-5 day suspension of transportation privileges, written notification of parent/guardian, and in building disciplinary consequences if no suspension of transportation privileges.
- Third Offense: 3-5 day suspension of transportation privileges and parent conference.
- Fourth Offense: 10 day suspension of transportation privileges and parent conference.
- Fifth Offense: 30 day suspension of transportation privileges and parent conference.
- Sixth Offense: Loss of transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year or 120 days, whichever is longer.

In considering applications of penalties, principals may consider incidents of unacceptable student conduct, which have occurred, in previous school years.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A safe school bus ride to and from school is the result of all students/parents/guardians understanding and practicing a few simple school bus safety rules. It is important and helpful if parents work with the school and school district in teaching your children these rules.

If your child is suspended from transportation, this suspension includes field trips and athletic events as well as regular transportation to and from school. Your child will be required to complete a school bus safety program to insure the he/she knows and understands 1) bus riding is a privilege, not a right and it can be taken away, 2) district policies for student conduct and school bus safety, 3) safe, appropriate conduct while on the school bus, 4) the danger zone surrounding the school bus, 5) procedures for safely boarding or leaving the school bus, 6) procedures for safe street or road crossing and 7) school bus evacuation and other emergency procedures.

While waiting for the school bus students are expected to:

- ◇ Arrive at the stop FIVE minutes before the school bus is scheduled to arrive. The school bus driver is not allowed to wait for late students, nor will the bus be sent back for late students who miss the bus.
- ◇ Stay back from the curb. Do not play on neighbor's property, or hang from their trees.
- ◇ When you see the school bus coming down the street, line up in a single file line or wait for directions for the bus driver before crossing the street. Cross ten feet in front of the school bus. No pushing or shoving while boarding the school bus.

On the school bus:

- ◇ Always hold the handrail as you board, the stairs may be slippery. Find a seat on the school bus and sit facing forward. Always keep your books and backpack on your lap.
- ◇ Opening, closing, or adjusting of window will only be done with the permission of the school bus driver. Never put your arms or hands, or extend any object out the window of the school bus.

Always Follow The Bus Driver's Instructions:

- ◇ Keep the noise level down while riding the school bus. Remain seated while the school bus is in motion.
- ◇ Fighting, spitting, teasing, wrestling, throwing objects, or littering will not be tolerated.
- ◇ Respect others and their personal property.
- ◇ Students are responsible for vandalism and will be responsible for restitution to the school district.

My child and I have discussed this brochure and understand that if a child fails to conduct himself/herself in a safe manner; this may result in the loss of this student's bus riding privilege.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____
Student Signature _____



Student Conduct Guidelines

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Minnesota statute 121A.59

TRANSPORTATION A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT:

Transportation by school bus is a privilege not a right for an eligible student's eligibility to ride a school bus may be revoked for a violation of school bus safety or conduct policies, or for violation of any other law governing student conduct on a school bus, pursuant to a written school district discipline policy. Revocation of a student's bus riding privilege is not an exclusion, expulsion, or suspension under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act. Revocation procedures for a student who is an individual with a disability under the Individuals with Disability Education Act, United States Code. Title 20, section 1400 et seq., section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, United States Code, title 29, section 794, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, are governed by these provisions.

CLASS I OFFENSES (MOST SERIOUS)

1. Possession of a handgun, knife, or other weapon.
2. Detonation of ammunition.
3. Detonation of a pyrotechnic device on the school bus.
4. Sale or distribution of alcohol or drugs.
5. Assault against the school bus driver.
6. Attempting to ride on the outside of the school bus.
7. Bringing a flammable liquid onto the school bus.
8. Igniting, or attempting to ignite, any object.
9. Pushing or shoving another student at, or near, a moving school bus.
10. Running out in front of a moving school bus.
11. Violent assault on another student.
12. Tampering with, or vandalism of, the school bus crossing gate.

13. Opening any emergency exit, or exiting, or attempting to exit, from a moving school bus.
14. Extending head out of a window while the bus is in motion.
15. Other extremely dangerous and/or illegal actions, which endanger the safety of the student.

CLASS II OFFENSES (SERIOUS)

1. Threatened assault upon the school bus driver.
2. Interfering with a police officer, District administrator, or safety supervisor.
3. Use of tobacco.
4. Ignition of any type of fire, including matches and lighters.
5. Physical aggressions, or the threat of physical aggression, against another person.
6. Fighting.
7. Theft or robbery.
8. Possession of a pyrotechnic device.
9. Possession of a look-a-like weapon.
10. Tampering with emergency equipment, including the 8 light system, two-way radio, and emergency exits.
11. Extending arms or legs out the window while the bus is in motion.
12. Throwing or shooting an object, or objects, at the bus driver or out of the bus window.
13. Distracting the school bus driver.
14. Bringing dangerous objects onto the school bus (other than weapons, explosives, or flammable liquids)
15. Riding while under suspension of transportation privileges.
16. Pushing or shoving another student in the school bus danger zone.
17. Willful damage to property at the school bus stop.
18. Willful damage to the property of other students.

19. Unacceptable sexual conduct (other than violent assault)
20. False identification or refusal to provide the driver with the student's name.
21. Failure to follow safe crossing procedures.
22. Possession of ammunition.
23. Possession of alcohol or un-prescribed drugs.

CLASS III OFFENSES

1. Vandalism of the school bus.
2. Throwing of shooting objects around the school bus.
3. Failure to follow the driver's instructions.
4. Standing while the school bus is in motion in violation of MS 169.
5. Pushing, shoving, or hitting another student.
6. Failure to cross the street ten feet in front of the school bus.
7. Use of obscene or profane gestures or language.
8. Harassment in any form.
9. Riding on a bus route other than the assigned route.
10. Boarding or exiting at other than the assigned stop.
11. Eating or drinking on the school bus.
12. Shouting, yelling, screaming, or excessive noise.
13. Tripping a student.
14. Blocking the school bus aisle.
15. Spitting.
16. Horseplay.
17. Possession of a lighter or matches.
18. Possession of squirt guns, water balloons, liquid containers of any type, shaving cream, or eggs.
19. Possession of cap guns, or other obvious toy weapons.

If a student commits offenses of different classes during the same incident, the consequences associated with the more serious class of offense must be applied.

