

Student Conduct on School Buses

The following regulations will govern student conduct on school buses and will be posted in a conspicuous place in all buses:

1. Students being transported are under authority of the bus driver;
2. Fighting, wrestling or boisterous activity is prohibited on the bus;
3. Students will use the emergency door only in case of emergency;
4. Students will be on time for the bus, both morning and evening;
5. Students will not bring animals on the bus;
6. Students will remain seated while bus is in motion;
7. Students may be assigned seats by the bus driver;
8. When necessary to cross the road, students will cross in front of the bus or as instructed by the bus driver;
9. Students will not extend their hands, arms or heads through bus windows;
10. Students will have written permission to leave the bus other than for home or school;
11. Students will converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited;
12. Students will not open or close windows without permission of driver;
13. Students will keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it;
14. Students will be courteous to the driver, fellow students and passers-by;
15. Students who refuse to promptly obey the directions of the driver or refuse to obey regulations may forfeit their privilege to ride on the bus.
16. Students will not bring , firearms, weapons or other potentially hazardous material on the bus.

The superintendent/principal will establish other regulations as necessary for the safe conduct of students riding district school buses or other forms of District transportation. Such regulations will be available to all parents and students and posted in each school bus or other District vehicle.

Students who violate bus rules of conduct may be denied the use of District transportation through suspension and/or expulsion. Misconduct Citation will be issued to riders by the school bus driver. A copy of each citation will be given to parents and the superintendent/principal. Misconduct citations shall be cumulative during the school year and generally will result in the following disciplinary action:

- 1st - Warning to rider and parent notified that a second (2nd) offense may result in a suspension.
- 2nd - Three (3) days suspension.
- 3rd - Five (5) days suspension.
- 4th - Ten (10) days suspension.

Suspension actions will be ordered by the superintendent/principal who will utilize the procedures described in OAR 581-21-065 (1,2,3,4,7). A suspension may not exceed ten (10) school days.

Students receiving citations for misconduct must secure the signatures of their parent and superintendent/principal, and present the signed citations to the bus driver to be eligible to resume riding privileges following the suspension period indicated on the citation.

Bus discipline problems that are not satisfactorily resolved after following the procedure outlined above, may be referred to the superintendent/principal of schools who will investigate and render an order.

A subsequent misconduct incident or single occurrence of a severe disciplinary problem may result in expulsion. In such cases, the rider will be suspended by the superintendent/principal pending a hearing before the Board. The superintendent/principal will notify parents of the intent to recommend the rider be expelled from transportation services, and give the reasons for this recommendation.

Upon receipt of a written recommendation to expel a rider from transportation services, the superintendent/principal will proceed to convene an expulsion hearing. This hearing will be conducted under the guidelines established in Board Policy JDE Expulsion, and ORS 581-21-070.

Following the hearing, the superintendent/principal may dismiss the case or issue a written order for expulsion. The Order for Expulsion may, upon written request received within (5) working days of the initial order, be reviewed by the School Board. Board action will occur at the next scheduled regular or special meeting. The School Board may affirm, modify, or reverse the expulsion order. The decision of the Board shall be final.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 820.100 - 820.190](#)

[OAR 581-021-0050 to -0075](#)
[OAR 581-023-0040](#)

[OAR 581-053-0002](#)
[OAR 581-053-0010](#)

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