

## School Bus Discipline Procedure

Bus company officials will make every effort to communicate directly with parents of students who are experiencing behavior problems to encourage corrective action before the problem becomes more serious.

Positive approaches to correcting student misconduct on the bus and at the bus stop are not always successful. Therefore, it will be necessary at times to temporarily or permanently suspend a student's transportation privilege. To insure equal and consistent criteria throughout the district for determining when a student's transportation privilege will be suspended and for what length of time, the following schedule of standard suspension periods will generally apply<sup>1</sup>:

First Citation-Warning:	The driver verbally restates behavior expectations and issues a warning citation.
Second Citation:	The student is suspended from the bus for two to five school days.
Third Citation:	The student receives a 10 school day suspension. At this point, further violations of bus regulations will be considered a severe violation.
Severe Violations:	Serious infractions, regardless of the student's prior record of misconduct, involving physical or verbal assault against bus riders or driver, interference with the bus operating controls, or vandalism will result in immediate suspension for a minimum of 10 school days and up to a one year expulsion.

1. Citations are cumulative over the immediate past 12 month period.
2. The degree of inherent danger associated with the misconduct incident or acts of misconduct that are so antisocial or disruptive in nature as to shock the conscience are factors considered before determining if a suspension of bus riding privileges will occur and the length of the suspension.
3. Continued incidents of assault, verbal or physical, interfering with bus controls, or vandalism will lead to an expulsion from bus riding privileges for up to one year.
4. Suspension periods may be extended if warranted by type and frequency of misconduct.

---

<sup>1</sup>For special education students, suspensions from the school bus are considered suspensions from school if they effectively prevent the student from accessing the school. Suspensions for more than ten consecutive calendar days or ten cumulative school days, including school bus suspensions, require that the MDT for the student be convened to determine whether the misconduct is related to the student's disability or is the result of an inappropriate placement.

5. Students receiving citations for misconduct must secure the signature of their parent and school principal, and present the signed citation to the bus driver to be eligible to resume riding privileges following the suspension period indicated on the citation.
6. Parents who wish to secure full details concerning citations issued should contact the bus company for further clarification in attempt to resolve any disagreements.
7. If disagreements arise between parents and the bus company regarding citations for misconduct, either the parent or bus company officials may refer the issue to the appropriate principal who will investigate and make every effort to resolve the problem.
8. Bus discipline problems that are not satisfactorily resolved after following the procedure outlined above, may be referred to the superintendent or designee who will investigate and render a final decision.