

School Bus Safety Code

Expected Bus Behavior

Level I Behaviors

- Be seated when the bus is moving
- Do not exit the bus you have boarded
- Always share seats with others
- Speak quietly at all times
- Use only appropriate language
- Do not speak in a way that teases, hurts or harasses others
- Keep the bus clean
- Do not eat or drink on the bus without permission of the driver
- Do not use cell phones at any time on the school bus during regular bus trips. Cell phones may be used with driver permission on all co-curricular trips.
- Follow the bus driver's directions as soon as they are issued

Consequences of Level I Misbehavior

Parental notification and one or more of the following:

- Warning
- Assigned seat
- Behavior contract
- One to three day after school detention

Level II Behaviors

- Keep hands, head and feet inside the bus
- Do not throw any object on the bus or out of the bus
- Do nothing to threaten the safety of others on or off the bus
- Do not vandalize the bus or anyone's personal property
- Do not hit, punch, kick, or physically assault another student
- Do not act in a disrespectful or defiant manner toward the bus driver
- Do not use sexually explicit, inappropriate, or derogatory language or obscene gestures

Consequences of Level II Misbehavior or Continued Level I Misbehaviors

Parental notification and one or more of the following:

- Two to five day after school detention
- One to five day bus suspension
- One to three day school suspension

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Level III Behaviors

Possession or use of the following:

- Weapons
- Matches or lighter
- Controlled substance including drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Threaten or strike the bus driver

Consequences of Level III Misbehavior or Continued Level II Misbehaviors

Parental notification and one or more of the following:

- Five day or longer bus suspension
- Three to ten day school suspension
- Expulsion hearing
- Contact with police

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