

# Student Code of Conduct – Transportation

All rules contained in the student code of conduct also apply to the school bus and the designated bus stops; however, the following rules apply specifically to the school bus to ensure the safety of all students on board the bus:

- Students must be ready to board the bus when the bus arrives at their stop.
- Hoods must be removed prior to boarding the bus.
- Students will not linger in the stairwell or the bus aisle.
- Students will remain seated in their assigned seat facing forward.
- Students will not hang any part of their body out of the bus window.
- Students will not throw any objects out of the window.
- Bus aisles must be clear of feet, bookbags, athletic equipment and band instruments. (Bookbags, equipment and instruments must be carried on the student's lap or secured between the student's feet on the floor).
- Students will observe classroom conduct while on the bus.
- The Bus Driver is in charge and shall be always respected and obeyed.
- Students will not disrupt the driver while the bus is in motion.
- Use of tobacco and any other product or substances prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct are prohibited on the school bus.
- Students will not eat or drink on the bus. (Water will be allowed on non-air-conditioned buses during the hottest part of the year).
- Students will not leave trash on the bus.
- Students will not throw any objects inside the bus.
- Students will not cause damage or vandalize the bus.
- Students will not tamper with the emergency exits.
- Students will not yell, scream, or play loud music while on the bus.
- Students will not disturb other students or the driver by being rude, discourteous, using foul language or playing music with offensive lyrics.
- Students will keep their hands and feet to themselves. Horseplaying and fighting is not allowed on the bus.
- Students will not use the emergency exits unless directed by the bus driver to do so.
- Students will exit the bus as soon as possible once the bus comes to a complete stop at their bus stop.

Students can only ride one school bus to and from school. Students can only get on and off the bus at the designated stop closest to their residence. Violations will be handled in the following manner:

- First Offence – Bus driver conduct report given to the administrator for parent signature.
- Second Offense – Student conference with administrator
- Third Offense – School Bus Suspension. The length of the suspension will vary depending on the seriousness of the offense.
  1. First Suspension – 3 Days
  2. Second Suspension – 5 Days
  3. Third Suspension – 10 Days
  4. Fourth Suspension – Long Term

Some violations of bus rules will result in automatic suspension of bus privileges. The violations are:

- Weapons on the bus.
- Fighting on the bus.
- Damage to the bus. (Parents are responsible for the cost of any repairs).
- Any other offense the principal may deem reasonable to fall within this category of an act of misconduct.