

## Student Bus Behavior Matrix for SAU 7

Behavior	Minor	Major*
<b>Consequences</b>	First offense - Written Warning Second offense - 1 day bus suspension Third offense - 5-day bus suspension Fourth offense -10-day bus suspension Fifth offense - 20-day bus suspension Sixth offense - loss of bus privilege for remainder of school year	First offense - 3-day bus suspension Second offense - 5-day bus suspension Third offense -10-day bus suspension Fourth offense - 20-day bus suspension Fifth offense - loss of bus privilege for remainder of school year
Defiance/ Disrespect	Student fails to comply with simple requests. Student responds inappropriately to request.	<i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply with bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i>  Student engages in a prolonged or high intensity failure to respond to peer: adult request or to repeatedly not follow bus expectations.
Disruption	Student behavior creates an unsafe environment. Examples include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not sitting properly in the seat                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crawling under seat</li> <li>○ Standing in the aisle</li> <li>○ Not facing forward/turning around in seat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Loud Distractions                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yelling/screaming</li> <li>○ Popping balloons</li> <li>○ Chanting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply with bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i>  Disruption that is persistent and intended to draw attention. Examples include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throwing food</li> <li>• Squirted water bottles</li> </ul>
Non-Compliance/ Insubordination	Student behavior interferes with safety and respect of bus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eating, drinking, chewing gum on the bus</li> <li>• Uttering</li> </ul>	<i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply with bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throwing objects out of the bus</li> <li>• Hanging any body parts out of the window</li> </ul>
<b>Abusive/ Inappropriate Language and Profanity</b>	Student uses a low intensity swear or near swear or offensive gesture which is not directed toward an individual.	<i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply with bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i>  Student directs inappropriate, profane, abusive language, racial slurs, or offensive gestures towards or about others. Three or more minors will result in a major. Repeated majors directed towards others may be investigated for harassment.
Physical Contact/ Physical Aggression	Non-serious but inappropriate physical contact. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pushing</li> <li>• Rough play</li> <li>• Slapping</li> <li>• Kicking</li> <li>• Polling</li> <li>• Pinching</li> </ul>	<i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply with bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i>  Any contact resulting in physical injury intentional or not. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kicking with force</li> <li>• Slapping with force</li> <li>• Punching</li> <li>• Hair pulling</li> <li>• Scratching</li> <li>• Spitting</li> <li>• Tripping</li> </ul> Student employs mannerisms or language which conveys a challenge to fight or create an unsafe environment.
Fighting	No minor offense	Student engages in significant physical contact with another person (student or adult) with the intent to harm.
Technology Violation	No minor offense	Student is responsible for displaying inappropriate images to self or others
Dress Code	No minor offense	Tops, bottoms, and footwear that sufficiently cover the body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No revealing of private body parts</li> </ul>

Out of Bounds	<p>Student does not sit in assigned seat.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not sitting in assigned seat (if applicable)</li> </ul>	<p><i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply to bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i></p> <p>Student deliberately gets off bus at the wrong stop.</p>
Misuse of Property/ Vandalism	<p>Student hides or moves peer's materials or supplies with the intent to disrupt.</p> <p>Student fails to use materials for its intended use.</p> <p>Student unintentionally causes damage to bus or personal resources.</p>	<p><i>Three or more minors and/or failure to comply with bus driver's instructions/directions (initial warning)</i></p> <p>Student participates in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property.</p> <p>Student deliberately or repeatedly causes damage to bus or personal resources.</p> <p>Student knowingly participates in substantial destruction or disfigurement of property.</p> <p>Student deliberately causes destruction to belongings of high personal or monetary value.</p> <p>*Student who deliberately cause damage/destruction to any part of the bus will be subject to monetary damage charges. These charges will start at \$20.00 and go up depending on the cost/amount of the damage.</p>
Forgery/Theft	No minor offense	Student is in possession of, has passed on, or is responsible for removing someone else's property without the person's permission.
Bomb Threat/ False Alarm	No minor offense	Student plans or participates in the delivery of a message of possible explosive materials being on bus, school property, near school property and/or pending explosion. Notify law enforcement
Arson	No minor offense	Student plans or participates in the burning of the bus. Notify law enforcement
Possession. Distribution and/or Sale of Unsafe or Illegal Items on Bus	No minor offense	<p>Student possesses, uses, distributes, or sells alcohol, drugs, tobacco, combustible, or other unsafe substance or item which could harm or does harm an individual or property.</p> <p>Any student who appears to be under drug influence, parent/guardian will be notified to come and remove him/her to his/her home or to medical facility.</p> <p>Student found selling; distributing or giving away drugs or drug paraphernalia actions will be reported to the Colebrook/Pittsburg Police Department.</p> <p>Student in possession of knives or guns (real or look-alike), or other objects readily capable of causing bodily harm.</p> <p>Student who brings a firearm</p> <p>Notify law enforcement</p>
Inappropriate Display of Affection	No minor offense	Student engages in consensual excessive or illegal contact of a sexual nature with another student or adult. Notify law enforcement

\*Certain major offenses may result in longer suspensions and/or alternative consequences.

- Notes for drivers
  - Bus drivers must contact the Pittsburg/Colebrook Police Department for the following:
    - suicidal and homicidal language
    - threats of violence against the bus
    - inappropriate sexual touching
    - possession of weapons, drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, etc.
    - other significant safety concerns
  - Discipline procedures will comply with state and federal laws