

Student Conduct in School Vehicles

The superintendent shall cause to be established procedures for dealing with student misconduct or violation of transportation rules.

The privilege of riding in a school vehicle is contingent upon a student's good behavior and observance of the student code of conduct and established regulations for student conduct both at designated school vehicle stops and on-board school vehicles.

The operator of a school vehicle shall be responsible for safety of the students in the vehicle, both during the ride and while students are entering or leaving the vehicle. Students shall be required to conform to all rules concerning discipline, safety and behavior while riding in the school vehicle. It is the vehicle operator's duty to notify the coordinator of transportation and the principal of the school involved if any student persists in violating the established rules of conduct.

After due warning has been given to the student and to the student's parents/guardians, the principal may withhold from the student the privilege of riding in the school vehicle. Violation of district policies and regulations while in a school vehicle may also result in the student's suspension or expulsion from school, in accordance with Board policy concerning student suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary interventions.

Students participating in activities which require transportation shall accompany the team or group in buses or cars provided or approved by the school district, including the return trip, except when otherwise requested in writing by the parent and approved by the staff member responsible for the students.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (2)(a)(I)(B) (*discipline code to address conduct in school vehicles*)

C.R.S. 42-1-102 (88.5) (*definition of school vehicle which includes a school bus*)

CROSS REFS.:

Board policies:

EL-4, Communication and Council to the Board

EL-9, Treatment of Students Parents and Community

EL-10, Student Conduct, Discipline and Attendance

Administrative policies:

JIC, Student Conduct, and subcodes

JK, Student Discipline, and subcodes

Student Conduct on School Vehicles

School buses are provided as a convenience for students. In order to keep buses running on schedule and to prevent accidents or injury to riders or others, it is necessary to have rules governing conduct on buses.

Parents and students should understand the following rules:

Previous to Loading

1. Riders must be on time at the designated school bus stop.
2. Riders must stay off the road at all times and conduct themselves in a safe manner while waiting for the bus.
3. Riders must wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter the bus.
4. Riders must be careful in approaching bus stop.
5. Riders will not be permitted to move toward the bus at the school loading zone until the buses have been brought to a complete stop.
6. Buses will not wait on tardy students at bus stops.

While on the Bus

1. Riders must keep their hands and heads inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus.
2. Riders must assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
3. Riders must remember that loud talking and laughter and unnecessary confusion divert the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
4. Riders must treat bus equipment as they would valuable furniture in their own homes. Damage to seats, etc., must be paid for by the offender.
5. Riders must not leave books, lunches or other articles on bus.
6. Rider must keep books, packages, coats and all other objects out of the aisles.
7. Riders must help look after the safety and comfort of small children.
8. Riders must not throw anything out of bus windows.
9. Riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is in motion.
10. Horseplay is not permitted around or on the bus.

12. There must be absolute quiet when approaching a railroad crossing stop.
13. In case of a road emergency, riders are to remain on the bus.
14. Riders must keep their feet on the floor and not reserve or hold seats for other students.
15. Riders are not allowed to eat or drink on the bus.
16. Riders will not be allowed to move from seat to seat and will remain seated until the bus stops at their assigned stop.
17. All band instruments and other items must be held on the riders' laps while riding the bus. These items must not be placed at the front of the bus near the door well. Other arrangements need to be made to transport instruments and other parcels too large to be held.

After Leaving the Bus

1. When necessary, riders must cross the road at least 10 feet in front of the bus but only after looking to be sure that no traffic is approaching from either direction.
2. Riders must look after the safety and comfort of small children.
3. Riders must be alert to a danger signal from the driver.
4. The driver will not discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stop at home or at school except by proper authorization from the parent and not be allowed to ride in private vehicles part way.

Permission to Ride Other Buses

Parents/Guardians must contact the Transportation Department via email to office personnel (or transportation@re3j.com) for students wishing to ride another bus to or from school for a special occasion. Any form of communication provided directly to the bus driver will not be accepted.

Disciplinary Action

Any student failing to cooperate with the bus driver and/or to observe transportation rules will be subject to disciplinary action. Unless it is a serious infraction, the driver will call parents the first time a student violates bus rules. Serious or repeated infractions are referred to the building principal for disciplinary action (Exhibit A) and parents will be notified.

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