

# School Bus Infractions and Consequences

(Infractions and Consequences also apply to behavior at bus stop, when seen by driver.)

## School Bus Infractions

### Level I – Infractions which cause delay, inconvenience, or irritation

1. Failure to follow instruction
2. Loud disruptive talking or yelling
3. Failure to take assigned seat upon request or to remain properly seated.
4. Eating/drinking/chewing gum on bus
5. Harassing other passengers or driver
6. Littering inside/outside of bus
7. Use of cell phone or other electronic device

### Level II – Disrespectful, illegal, damaging, or demeaning

8. Refusal to show ID card or give student name upon driver's request (H.S. students)
9. Profanity, obscene language or gestures.
10. Profanity or verbal abuse directed toward demeaning a person's character (because of seriousness, automatically deemed Level II, second offense, requiring a 10-30 day suspension)
11. Extending hands or head out of bus window
12. Verbal abuse of driver or other passenger
13. Defiant behavior or profanity toward driver
14. Spitting
15. Throwing objects on or at the bus
16. Stealing from others
17. Tobacco, alcohol, or drug possession
18. Defacing school district property
19. Rough and/or rowdy behavior
20. Unsafe behavior of any sort
21. Possession of lighters or matches
22. Crossing behind the bus

### Level III – Extremely dangerous or damaging

23. Fighting
24. Lighting matches or lighters
25. Setting fire
26. Destroying school district property
27. Physical assault
28. Fireworks possession or use
29. Tobacco, alcohol, or drug use
30. Activation or tampering with emergency or safety equipment
31. Use of laser pens, lights, or other shining or reflective devices to distract the driver or obscure his/her vision
32. Possession of a weapon, simulated weapon, firearm, destructive device, or dangerous instrument
33. Shoving student(s) in path of any on-coming vehicle
34. Throwing objects out of bus
35. Unauthorized exit from emergency door
36. Physically impeding movement of school bus
37. Bullying; verbal threat of harm or violence
38. Any action causing harm to others
39. Any inappropriate touching or sexual assault

## Minimum Consequences for School Bus Infractions

### Level I Infractions

- A. First Offense:** Parent to sign bus incident report, which student must return to the driver, or driver will refuse to transport.
- B. Second Offense:**
  - a. 1-3 day bus suspension (Elementary) or 3 day bus suspension (Secondary).
  - b. Parent to call school office at 928-479-2277.
  - c. Parent to sign bus incident report which must be returned to driver, or driver will refuse to transport.
- C. Third Offense:**
  - a. 3-10 day bus suspension (Elementary) or 5-20 day bus suspension (Secondary).
  - b. Parent conference with school administrator and/or Transportation Director, driver, student.
  - c. Parent to sign and return bus incident report to driver or driver will refuse transport.
- D. Fourth Offense:**
  - a. Bus privileges to be suspended from 20-60 school days up to the remainder of the school year.
  - b. Parent to sign and return bus incident report to driver.

### Level II Infractions

- A. First Offense:**
  - a. 1-3 day bus suspension (Elementary) or 3-10 day bus suspension (Secondary)
  - b. Parent conference with school administrator and/or Transportation Director, driver, student.
  - c. Parent to sign and return bus incident report to driver or driver will refuse transport.
- B. Second Offense:**
  - a. 3-10 day bus suspension (Elementary) or 10-30 day bus suspension (Secondary).
  - b. Parent conference with school administrator and/or Transportation Director, driver, student.
  - c. Parent to sign and return bus incident report to driver or driver will refuse transport.
- C. Third Offense:**
  - a. Bus privileges to be suspended from 20-60 school days and up to the remainder of the school year.
  - b. Parent to sign and return bus incident report to driver or driver will refuse transport.

### Level III Infractions

- A. First Offense:**
  - a. Bus privileges to be suspended from 20-60 school days and up to the remainder of the school year, whichever is longer. Remaining suspension to carry over into the next school year.
  - b. Parent to sign and return bus incident report to driver or driver will refuse transport.
  - c. Other District/legal actions as deemed necessary
- B. Because Level III infractions endanger all students and District employees on the bus, there will be no warnings given and no lesser consequences will be imposed for these violations.**