

**Video cameras are installed on buses to deter inappropriate behavior and record violations of bus conduct rules.**

Rules of Conduct on School Buses

1. Obey all requests of driver promptly and courteously with no back talk.
2. No loud talking, profanity, or dirty stories.
3. No standing while bus is in motion. Keep head and arms inside of bus at all times.
4. No fighting, scuffling, or disturbing other students. Keep hands to yourself. Keep feet and legs out of aisle.
5. No eating or drinking on buses on regular routes. Eating and drinking will be permitted on activity buses as long as the privilege is not abused.
6. Keep feet off of seats. Do not wear metal cleats on bus. Do not mark on, cut, or puncture bus cushions or backs. Leave screws and bolts alone. Any damage to the bus will be assessed to the student and his/her parent/guardian.
7. Be on time at bus stops. Enter and leave bus quietly.
8. Remember, driver has the responsibility to get you to school and get you home safely, so don't do anything that will disrupt his or her concentration on safe driving. There must be respect for the driver at all times.
9. Throwing of any articles will not be allowed.
10. No items will be allowed on the bus except the necessary for normal school activities.
11. Students who refuse to obey the School District busing policies may be suspended from riding the bus for one week. Subsequent violations may result in the loss of riding privileges for the remainder of the school year.
12. The bus driver shall handle discipline problems on the bus. If this is not satisfactory, the bus supervisor shall make the determination.

**Procedures for dealing with rules violations and misbehavior on buses:**

1. The bus driver may assign seats.

2. Students are warned only once by the driver. This warning will be considered a **first** violation. The principal will receive a copy of the warning and shall notify the parent/guardian.
3. The driver, at his/her discretion and subject to the procedures below, may execute the following penalties for further violations:
  - a. After one warning, a **second** violation could result in a suspension of the bus privileges for two school days. The driver reports a **second** violation to the supervisor who confers with the student and his/her principal. The student's parent/guardian is notified of the violation using the bus conduct form. A meeting is held with the student, the parent/guardian, the driver, and the principal to develop behavior strategies.
  - b. A **third** violation could result in suspension of the bus privileges for five school days. The student will not be allowed to ride the bus until after a meeting with the student, the parent/guardian, the driver, the supervisor, and the principal in an effort to resolve the matter.
  - c. Following a **fourth** violation, the supervisor will meet with the principal to determine action. A **fourth** violation would, in all probability, result in cancellation of bus privileges **for the remainder of the school year**.
4. The Superintendent and/or principal may deny bus privileges to students who refuse to obey bus conduct rules.

Cross Reference:	3330	Student Discipline
	8130	Transportation of Students with Disabilities
Legal Reference:	I.C. § 33-1501	Transportation authorized
	I.C. § 33-205	Denial of school attendance

Policy History:

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