

## 10. Bus Misbehavior

Students shall not engage in any type of behavior that interferes with the safe and efficient operation of the school bus and/or the safety of persons riding in the bus. All students are required to remain seated on their assigned bus during the entire bus trip with the exception of changing buses to continue their route or in an emergency situation.

School transportation service is a privilege, not a right. Students at all times while riding a school bus or other school vehicle shall observe the directives of the bus and vehicle driver. The following conduct is specifically prohibited:

- stopping, impeding, delaying or detaining a bus or school vehicle;
- disturbing the peace, order of discipline on a bus or school vehicle;
- refusing to obey the driver's instructions;
- tampering with or willfully damaging the bus or school vehicle;
- getting off a bus at an unauthorized stop;
- refusing to meet the bus at designated stops;
- distracting the driver's attention by participating in disruptive behavior while the vehicle is in operation;
- failing to observe established safety rules and regulations;
- opening the emergency door and/or windows without authorization;
- willfully trespassing upon a school bus or school vehicle; and
- fighting, smoking, using profanity, possessing or using drugs or intoxication beverages, or otherwise violating any other Board policy or school rule while on a school bus or other school vehicle.

Inappropriate conduct in violation of other rules of the Student Code of Conduct may result in additional consequences.

- a. First Offense: Conference with student and parent contact. Up to three (3) days suspension from riding the bus.
- b. Second Offense: Up to five (5) days suspension from riding the bus.
- c. Third Offense: Suspension from riding the bus for up to ten (10) days.
- d. Subsequent Offense: Students may be suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year.