

## DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES/CONSEQUENCES

It is the sole discretion of the Transportation Director to assign points to any student that rides the bus. The bus driver will take into account any previous verbal discussions that may have taken place addressing student behavior on the bus. The bus driver will fill out a Report of Student Misconduct on School Vehicle form when a student is not following the rule and the supervisor will assign the points. Each violation carries a point value. A student's points accumulate for the entire school year. At the beginning of each year, students will start with a clear record. The following will result based upon a student's accumulated points:

- 0-2 points - Warning
- 3-5 points - One-day Suspension
- 6-8 points - Three-day Suspension
- 9-16 points - Five-day Suspension
- 17-20 points - Ten-day Suspension
- 21-39 points - Suspension for up to 90 school days

Points 9-39: May/Will require a meeting with the student's school principal, parent, bus driver, and transportation supervisor to reinstate bus privileges.

40+ points: Suspension for 180 school days - Points will not be cleared at the beginning of the year and a **School Board hearing will be necessary for reinstatement of bus privileges.**

Violations and point values ( )

1. Failure to be at the assigned bus stop on time (0-1)
2. **Litter** on the school bus. (1)
3. Possession of **glass containers/objects** on the bus. (1)
4. Failure to stay off the **roadway and use proper boarding/departing procedures.** Students are required to remove earbuds while boarding/departing the bus when crossing the road is necessary for their bus stop. (2)
5. Failure to get on or off at the **designated stop** without prior approval. (2)
6. Exhibits unnecessary **loud, boisterous sounds, yells, are rude, discourteous, or** distracting to other students or the bus driver. PLEASE NOTE: Students will NOT BE allowed to make any phone calls unless there is an emergency and the call will be to a parent only. There will be **NO** pictures, **NO** videos, and **NO** audio recordings allowed while riding the school bus (2)
7. Failure to **remain seated and facing forward** at all times, except when properly moving to and from the jump seat. (2)
8. Eating/drinking **on the bus. Eating is not allowed on any school bus.** (2)
9. Failure to cross **in front of the bus**, and instead crossing behind it. (3)
10. Body part(s) **hanging out of the windows.** (3)
11. Use of **improper language/profanity/gestures.** (3)
12. Throwing **objects** in, at, or out of the bus (3)

13. Engaging in behavior that abuses **the safety, well-being, and respect of others** on the bus or at the bus stop. (4)
14. Exhibits **push/trip/kicking behavior** (4)
15. Disobeying **instructions of and/or showing disrespect** to the driver. (5)
16. **Spitting or biting.** (5)
17. Threatening others. (5)
18. Transportation of **illegal/dangerous articles/substances and or weapons** on the bus (7-17)
19. **Lighting of matches, lighter use, or possession or use of tobacco products.** (9-17)
20. Property **destruction.** (9-17)
21. Tampering **with bus equipment.** (9-17)
22. Engaging in **sexual misconduct/harassment.** (9-17)
23. Fighting **or engaging in violent behavior.** (9-17)
24. Threatening another person with **bodily harm.** (9-17)
25. Assaulting **another person.** (10-17)
26. Exhibits behavior that requires the bus driver to **pull the bus over in order to preserve safety** (will automatically be suspended for 10 days). (17)