

**STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

There are few places in which proper student behavior is as closely related to safety as on the school bus. The RSU # 14 Board of Directors will not tolerate inappropriate student behavior on the school buses. Transportation of students is part of the school day and all of the rules governing student behavior are in force when being transported by RSU # 14 vehicles. The issue of safety requires the students to be on their best behavior while on school buses.

Students, parents/guardians, and school employees should understand that rules are to be consistently enforced and obeyed.

Such misbehavior as rudeness, pushing, fighting, throwing objects, obscenity, damaging any part of the bus, and other offenses may result in the termination of transportation services.

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ May 12, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_ June 9, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT CONDUCT REGULATIONS**

- A. The rights of students to ride on the bus is conditional on their behavior and the observance of rules and regulations.
- B. Pupils shall be ready in the morning at the designated "School Bus Stop." Buses are not permitted to wait for tardy students.
- C. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the pupils. Pupils will obey the directions of the driver.
- D. The driver may assign seats on the bus.
- E. When the bus is in motion, pupils are not to stand, move about, leave or enter the bus, or extend arms or head out of the bus.
- F. Nothing shall be thrown from or within the bus.
- G. Any damage done to the bus or any part of it shall be paid for by the parents/guardians of the student(s) involved.
- H. Students may talk provided that the conversation is appropriate and that the noise level allows the driver's instructions to be heard.
- I. All students shall be treated with respect and shall treat others with respect.
- J. Only plastic roll up sleds in bags will be allowed.
- K. Pupils may only ride on their assigned bus. In emergency situations, when different arrangements must be made, a note of parental permission must be approved by the building office staff. All exceptions to this stipulation shall be on a space-available basis.
- L. If students must cross the highway, they must do so in front of the bus at the direction of the driver.
- M. Food may not be consumed on the bus. Exceptions may be made for field trips or sports trips.
- N. The leaving of any refuse on the vehicle is prohibited.
- O. No live animals may be transported by school buses.
- P. All pupils shall be assigned to a consistent bus stop for transportation to and from school. Parents/guardians will be required to notify the School Department at the beginning of the school year if a child is to be transported to or from childcare. Parents/guardians will be allowed to have their children transported from one stop and returned to another. However, this must be consistent for the entire year. The morning and afternoon route must be identical each day.

NOTE: exceptions to the conditions stated in letter P above may be made only on Wednesday afternoons and only for elementary schools.

- a. The stop must be consistent every Wednesday, for childcare only. (Brownies, Cub Scout meetings, after-school activities, etc., do not qualify).

- b. Parents/guardians must notify the bus garage and the school of any change for Wednesday afternoon

Q. In all instances of termination of services, the Superintendent will be advised and informed.

The following will be observed in dealing with infractions of bus regulations:

**Referral:** Parents will be notified of each infraction.

Referral slip # 1: Written warning / detention / meet with administrator. Consequences may include detention, assigned seat on the bus, or suspension from the bus for a specific period of time.

Referral slip # 2: Restricted from bus transportation to and from school for two (2) days. Administrator calls home. Restriction continues beyond two days unless a meeting is held with the student, parent, and school administrator.

Referral slip # 3: Off school bus for the rest of the year. Superintendent notified.

In order to get bus privileges back for the following school year, the student and parent must meet with the School Administrator to discuss reinstating transportation privileges.