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Offenses-Penalties for Inappropriate Behavior on School Vehicles

Pupils may be suspended from transportation privileges only and not suspended from school in accordance with Board of Education policy per Connecticut State Statutes. Other disciplinary action may be worked out with the parents, school and bus company when necessary.

a. Minor Offenses Include but Are Not Limited to:

1. loud talking, shouting repeatedly, use of vulgar or obscene language; minor pushing/shoving altercations, not staying seated properly, putting things outside window, opening windows without permission, throwing object on/or at the bus.
2. riding on the wrong bus or a walker riding on a bus, eating on the bus, not following the driver's directions, violation of any other rules or regulations for bus conduct.

Penalties: One warning is given by the school principal to elementary pupils, grades K-5, followed by up to five (5) days suspension from transportation for subsequent offenses. The same penalty will apply to secondary students in grades 6-12, except that secondary students may be immediately suspended from transportation by the principal for up to five (5) days for the first reported offense if they have been previously warned by the bus driver. Students must be suspended for up to five (5) days for the second offense and subsequent offenses. The principal will contact the parent or guardian by phone or letter for each suspension and/or warning.

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b. Major Offenses Include but Are Not Limited to:

1. complete disrespect for the bus driver (after failing to follow the bus driver's directions as indicated under minor offenses), assaulting the bus driver;
2. fighting - major incident;
3. bus vandalism;
4. use of possession of alcohol, drugs, explosives, flammables, weapons, and/or other hazardous materials.
5. any other major incident which violates rules and regulations for student conduct when on or about a bus where there is risk of injury or the behavior is criminal in nature.

Penalties: Immediate suspension from transportation by the school principal for at least five (5) days. Additional penalties may be imposed consistent with appropriate state statutes.