

Bus Discipline Procedures

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Waunakee Community School District

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Students riding buses are subject to state laws dealing with bus transportation. Board of Education policies, rules and procedures established by the bus transportation supervisor, and reasonable rules and procedures as determined by the drivers.

Students who do not cooperate or conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the safety of themselves or others shall be disciplined by their building principal and/or bus driver according to the following guidelines:

MAJOR VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

1ST VIOLATION - The incident will be documented by the driver with copies sent to the parents/guardians, principal and Lamers Bus Lines within 24 hours. In cases involving severe incidents, the driver and school officials reserve the right to start discipline procedures at steps 3 or 4 (see below). A permanent suspension from the bus may be invoked. Law enforcement officials may issue lawful penalties. The school may impose additional consequences.

MINOR VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

1ST VIOLATION – A verbal warning will be given to the student. The bus company / bus driver will promptly notify parents/guardians of the incident by phone within 24 hours. The incident will be documented by the driver with copies sent to the parents, principal and Lamers Bus Lines within 24 hours. The school principal will give a verbal warning to the student and may impose additional consequences.

2ND VIOLATION - The incident will be documented by the driver with copies sent to the parents/guardians, principal and Lamers Bus Lines within 24 hours. A 1-3 day suspension from the bus will be imposed. Parents will be responsible for transporting the student. The principal will speak with the student and may impose additional consequences. The principal must speak with the parent(s)/guardian(s) before the student will be allowed to ride the bus again.

3RD VIOLATION - The incident will be documented by the driver with copies sent to the parents/guardians, principal and Lamers Bus Service within 24 hours. A minimum five (5) day suspension from the bus will be imposed. Parents will be responsible for transporting the student. The principal will speak with the student and may impose additional consequences. A meeting with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), bus driver/bus company and principal must take place before the student will be allowed to ride the bus again

4TH VIOLATION - The incident will be documented by the driver with copies sent to the parents/guardians, principal and Lamers Bus Service within 24 hours. The student will be suspended from the bus for the remainder of the year – the decision will be made in conjunction with the school. Parents will be responsible for transporting the student. The principal will speak with the student and may impose additional consequences. A meeting with the student, parent(s)/guardian(s), bus driver/bus company and principal must take place before the student will be allowed to ride the bus again.

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SEVERE CLAUSE

The bus driver and the District reserve the right to initiate discipline proceedings at steps 3 or 4, provided parents/guardians are notified.

The bus driver has the right to assign a seat to any or all students if deemed necessary. Students may be required to pay for damages in cases of vandalism.

Students may be suspended from bus rider privileges permanently following a due process for continued refusal to follow rules or for serious actions which endanger the health and safety of the students and/or driver.

Any suspension from bus riding privileges of up to 5 days is a suspension subject to the same rules and processes as suspension from school. Any longer suspension of bus riding privileges is an expulsion subject to the same rules and processes as an expulsion from school.

No student shall be forced off a school bus when enroute unless his/her behavior is dangerous to the safety of himself/herself or other riders.

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