

4.19 -- CONDUCT TO AND FROM SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY - School Board Policy

The District's Student Code of Conduct applies to students while traveling to and from school or to and from a school activity to the same extent as if the students were on school grounds. Appropriate disciplinary actions may be taken against commuting students who violate the District's Student Code of Conduct.

The preceding paragraph also applies to student conduct while on school buses. Students shall be instructed in safe riding practices. The driver of a school bus shall not operate the school bus until every passenger is seated. In addition to other disciplinary measures provided for violations of the District's Student Code of Conduct, the student's bus transportation privileges may be suspended or terminated for violations of the Student Code of Conduct related to bus behavior.

Students are eligible to receive district bus transportation if they meet the following requirements. The transportation to and from school for students who have lost their bus transportation privileges is the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian.

Policies for Students Riding School Buses (Bus Rules)

1. Be at the bus stop at the scheduled time. Stand back about 10 feet from the bus stop and wait until the door is opened before moving closer to the bus. Do not play on the highway or road. It is dangerous for buses to remain stopped on highways longer than necessary. Students who are continually late or deliberately walk slowly to the bus will be left. While waiting for the bus, do not attempt to hitchhike a ride or walk to or from school.
2. While loading or unloading, enter or leave the bus orderly and quickly.
3. While riding the bus, students are under the supervision of the driver and must obey the driver at all times.
4. Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner so as not to distract the attention of their driver or disturb other riders on the bus (which includes keeping their hands to themselves; attending to their own matters; leaving other students alone; and being reasonably quiet).
5. No knives or sharp objects of any kind are allowed - neither firearms, pets, other living animals, etc.
6. You are not to tamper with any of the safety devices such as door latches, fire extinguishers, etc.
7. Students must stay seated while the bus is in motion and are not to change seats at any time except as the driver directs.
8. Do not put hands, arms, heads, or bodies out of the window.
9. Do not yell at anyone outside the bus.
10. Students are not to deface the bus or any school property. Do not write on the bus or damage seats, etc. Parents will be responsible for any damage students do to the bus.
11. Do not throw paper, food, or other objects on the floor of the bus.
12. Do not eat on the bus.
13. No tobacco of any form is to be used while riding a school bus.
14. Keep the aisle of the bus clear of books, lunches, coats, etc. Do not put your feet in the aisle.
15. Buses will stop at regular stops only. Do not ask the driver to let you off the bus at the store, post office, or any place except your regular stop.
16. If you must cross the road or highway to enter the bus, try always to be on the right side of the road waiting on the bus. If you should arrive at the stop just as the bus approaches the stop, wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver has signaled for you to cross in front of the bus. (Unless the bus driver directs you differently.)
17. Students, who must cross the road after leaving the bus in the afternoon, must go to a point on

the shoulder of the road 10 feet in front of the bus. Cross the road only after looking both ways and the driver has signaled them.

18. Do not throw things out of the bus window.
19. No cell phones can be used on the bus routes.
20. Students are to obey the bus driver and be respectful at all time.
21. This is not intended to cover all the “do’s” and don’ts”, but is a very specific guide. The driver may find it necessary to interpret these policies in light of his/her own bus needs.
22. STUDENTS WHO CONTINUALLY ABUSE THESE POLICIES WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Parents' or guardians' signature on the Statement of Responsibility from the Handbook acknowledges acquaintance/receipt of these policies. The Principal's discretion for discipline will be based on the incident and the number of referrals from the individual student.

Legal Reference: A.C.A. § 6-19-119 (b) A.C.A. § 5-60-122

Ark. Division of Academic Facilities and Transportation Rules Governing Maintenance and Operations of Ark. Public School Buses and Physical Examinations of School Bus Drivers 4.0

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Consequences for Violations of Policies

Students are expected to display behavior that will contribute to a climate in which learning can take place. At no time will one student or group of students be allowed to interfere with or stop the learning/teaching process without corrective measures being taken.

Conduct rules will apply to all students on the school grounds at all times, off the school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, and en route to and from school.

Consequences for Violating School Rules

Consequences for violating school rules may include, but are not limited to the following:

- MINIMUM –
1. Student-Principal and/or Dean of Students conference. (Warning)
 2. Detention/Loss of privileges/Confiscation of items not allowed at school.
 3. Isolation
 4. In-school Suspension
 5. Principal and/or Dean of Students, student, parent conference.
 6. Corporal punishment (paddling).
 7. Out-of-School Suspension

MAXIMUM -

8. Expulsion

The degree of corrective measures will be at the principal's and/or Dean of Students' discretion.

Consequences for Violating Bus Rules

Consequences for violating bus rules may include, but are not limited to the following:

- MINIMUM -
1. Student-Principal and/or Dean of Students conference (Warning)
 2. Change of seating
 3. Corporal Punishment
 4. Parent/Principal and/or Dean of Students Conference
 5. Suspension

MAXIMUM-

6. Removal from Bus

The degree of corrective measures will be at the principal's and/or Dean of Students' discretion.