

<b>Title :</b> <b>Progressive Discipline for Infractions on a School Bus</b>	<b>Procedure # : 025</b>	<b>Effective :</b> <b>Nov 5, 2010</b>
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<b>Statement</b>	<p>Students who travel to and/or from school on a school bus may continue to do so as long as they abide by (004) Responsibility of Students whereby they demonstrate and maintain appropriate and safe behaviour aboard the vehicle. Students who do not behave in an appropriate and safe manner may be suspended and may lose their school bus transportation privileges altogether. As the school bus is an extension of the classroom, the school principal, or designate, can revoke a student's transportation privileges for their conduct on a school bus. A suspension from school will also result in the student not being permitted to use transportation services while the suspension is being served.</p>
<b>Level 1</b>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spitting.</li> <li>2. Making excessive noise.</li> <li>3. Engaging in horseplay.</li> <li>4. Eating or drinking on the bus.</li> <li>5. Leaving his/her seat and standing up when the bus is moving.</li> <li>6. Using water guns and laser pointers.</li> <li>7. Swearing or using foul language; making obscene gestures or being in possession of inappropriate material.</li> <li>8. Blocking the main aisle on the bus.</li> <li>9. Boarding another bus without permission or boarding his/her own bus at a different stop.</li> <li>10. Being disrespectful towards others.</li> <li>11. Disobeying the bus driver, aide, or monitor.</li> <li>12. Committing other offences that could endanger safety on</li> </ol>

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<b>Level 1... continued</b>	<p>the school bus and for which the bus driver or school principal has already issued a warning.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. Sticking his/her hand out of the bus window.</li> <li>14. Inappropriately engaging the safety features of the bus, such as the emergency door handle at the back of the bus, etc, when an emergency does not exist.</li> </ol>
<b>Level 2</b>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sticking his/her head outside the bus.</li> <li>2. Throwing object(s) inside or from the bus.</li> <li>3. Being rude to, or defying the direction of, a person in a position of authority (bus driver, monitor, bus patroller, etc).</li> <li>4. Threatening to inflict bodily harm on someone.</li> <li>5. Hanging onto or trying to hang onto an external part of the bus.</li> <li>6. Using matches or lighters, or lighting fireworks or a flammable object/ substance while on board the bus.</li> <li>7. Boarding or getting off the bus through the emergency door, window or roof hatch, without permission.</li> <li>8. Committing other offences that could endanger safety on the school bus and for which the bus driver or school principal has already issued a warning.</li> </ol>
<b>Level 3</b>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being in possession of alcohol or illicit drugs.</li> <li>2. Committing assaults (using physical force against someone).</li> <li>3. Being under the influence of alcohol.</li> </ol>

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<b>Level 3... continued</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Committing an act of vandalism which causes damage to the safety features of the school bus. Compensation to the bus company, for damage caused, will be made by the student(s) or parent(s). The Principal may withhold school bus transportation privileges until such a time that compensation is provided.</li> <li>5. Committing another act punishable by compulsory suspension in accordance with a School Board policy.</li> </ol>
<b>Level 4</b>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being in possession of a weapon.</li> <li>2. Using a weapon to inflict bodily harm on someone or threatening to do so.</li> <li>3. Committing a physical assault causing bodily harm requiring care by a health professional.</li> <li>4. Committing a sexual assault.</li> <li>5. Trafficking weapons or illicit drugs.</li> <li>6. Committing robbery.</li> <li>7. Committing another act punishable by compulsory expulsion in accordance with a School Board policy.</li> </ol> <p><b>Consequences may include the following:</b></p> <p>First offence      - Warning or exclusion for 1-3 days.</p> <p>Second offence    - Exclusion for 3-5 days.</p> <p>Third offence      - Exclusion for 5-10 days.                                       - Possibility of losing his/her school bus transportation privileges. and                                       - Meeting of parents with school principal.</p> <p>Fourth offence    - Loss of school bus transportation</p>

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<b>Level 4... continued</b>	<p style="text-align: right;">privileges for the balance of the school year.</p> <p>The escalation of each level carries with it a greater safety and/or security risk for students on board the bus. The discipline steps as outlined above are only a guideline with consequences varying depending on the nature of the offence and previous infractions.</p> <p>As stated in the Ontario Schools Code of Conduct, the time spent travelling by school bus is an extension of the school day. Therefore, the principal is responsible for any disciplinary action required to correct the negative action(s) of a student(s).</p>
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