

The following code sets forth the rules prohibiting certain types of student conduct while riding, waiting for, or leaving a school bus. It is in the interest of the safety of transported pupils, bus drivers, and the general public that they are adopted. A student found in violation of any of these rules may receive punishment as severe as having his bus riding privilege suspended, ranging from one day to the remainder of the school year, depending on the severity of the offense. A student will also be subject to disciplinary action for those violations within this code that are also covered by Policy 4340, School-Level Investigations. Less serious conduct will be dealt with by the school principal under the disciplinary authority given him by the North Carolina Statutes and by the Buncombe County Board of Education policies and regulations.

Passengers may be suspended from school or from riding on a bus, at the discretion of the principal, for:

1. Delaying the bus schedule.
2. Fighting, smoking, using profanity, or refusing to obey instructions of school authorities or of school bus driver while waiting for, riding, or leaving a school bus.
3. Being under the influence of or having in their possession alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
4. Tampering with or doing damage to a school bus.
5. Refusing to meet the bus on time at designated stops.
6. Unauthorized leaving the bus when *en route* from home to school or vice versa.
7. Playing, throwing objects, getting out of seat, or otherwise distracting the driver's attention while the bus is in operation.
8. Failing to observe established safety rules and regulations required by law or adopted by the Buncombe County Board of Education.
9. Eating or selling items on the bus.

Cross References: Student Behavior Policies (policy 4300)

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