Bus Policy for Inappropriate Conduct

School bus transportation for students is a privilege that may be forfeited for inappropriate behavior. A student is to ride the bus to which he or she is assigned. Students will be allowed off the bus only at school or designated locations. The bus monitor is in charge of the bus and its occupants en route to and from school. Students riding the bus must comply with the requests of the bus monitor and all bus regulations of the Thomasville City School System. Inappropriate bus behavior will result in a bus referral. Bus consequences are as follows:

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Rules and Regulations for Students Transported by Thomasville City School

All students riding a public school bus for any reason must comply with the following conduct for students during school hours and at school related functions, in a manner that is appropriate to the age of the student: Students should avoid:

1. Verbal assault of teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.
2. Physical assault or battery of teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.
3. Disrespectful conduct toward teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.
4. Verbal assault of other students.
5. Physical assault or battery of other students.
6. Disrespectful conduct toward other students.
7. Verbal assault of, physical assault or battery of, and disrespectful conduct toward persons attending school related functions.

The specific provisions shall include but not be limited to:

(A) Students shall be prohibited from acts of physical violence as defined by Code Section 20-3-751.6, bullying as defined by subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-751.4, physical assault or battery of other persons on the school bus, verbal assault of other persons on the school bus, disrespectful conduct toward the school bus driver or other persons on the school bus, and other unruly behavior.

(B) Students shall be prohibited from using any electronic devices during the operation of a school bus, including but not limited to cell phones; pagers; audible radios, tape or compact disc players without headphones; or any other electronic device in a manner that might interfere with the school bus communications equipment or the school bus driver’s operation of the school bus.

(C) Students shall be prohibited from using mirrors, lasers, flash cameras, or any other reflective devices in a manner that interfere with the school bus driver’s operation of the school bus.

(D) If a student is found to have engaged in physical acts of violence as defined by Code Section 20-3-751.6, the student shall be subject to the penalties set forth in such Code Section. If a student is found to have engaged in bullying as defined by subsection (a) of Code Section 20-3-751.4 or in physical assault or battery of another person on the school bus, the local school board policy shall require a meeting of the parent or guardian of the student and appropriate school district officials to form a school bus behavior contract for the student. Such contract shall provide for progressive age-appropriate discipline, penalties, and restrictions for student misconduct on the bus. Contract provisions may include but shall not be limited to assigned seating, ongoing parental involvement, and suspension from riding the bus. This subsection is not to be construed to limit the instances when a school code of conduct or local board of education may require use of a student bus behavior contract.