

## **BUS POLICY**

No elementary students may ride on the high school buses. No high school students are to be transported on elementary buses except those attending vocational school. Due to extreme overcrowded conditions on buses, students are not to ride other buses except in emergency situations. Written requests from the parents are to be brought to the principal.

Safety on the buses is a must. Every year we have several children brought to the office for fighting, continually standing up, loudness, "horseplay", etc., on the buses. Live animals are prohibited on the bus.

According to the State Department of Transportation regulations (Sec. 3319.41 Ohio Revised Code) on pupil behavior:

1. While riding on a school bus, reasonable conversation is permissible.
2. The school bus driver shall be in charge of the bus at all times and he/she shall report the unmanageable pupil to the proper authority. Disorderly conduct shall be reason for refusing transportation service to any pupil.
3. Whenever it becomes necessary to refuse a pupil transportation and the conduct on the part of the pupil and the bus driver is so advised, the driver shall not permit the pupil to board the bus.

In accordance with the above regulation, the Board of Education has adopted the following procedure for student behavior problems on the buses:

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| Step 1. | If a bus driver brings a student to the office for the first time because of behavior problems, the student will be disciplined by the Administration. The parent will receive a written notice of the first offense. |
| Step 2. | If a bus driver brings a student to the office for a second time the student shall be denied transportation for one day. The parent will receive written notice of the second offense.                                |
| Step 3. | If a bus driver brings a student to the office for a third time, the student shall be denied transportation for five days. The parent will receive written notice of the third offense.                               |
| Step 4  | If there is a fourth offense, the student will not be permitted to ride the bus for at least ten days which means the parents would have the responsibility of transporting him/her to and from school.               |
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