

substances (drugs, narcotics, or poisons)				
Furnishing, selling, or distribution of controlled substances (drugs, narcotics, or poisons)	EXP/LAW			
Distribution, sale, purchase, manufacture or unlawful possession of a controlled substance while in or within a radius of one-half mile of school grounds	EXP/LAW			
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Threatening to take the life of or inflict bodily harm upon another student.	OR/OSS3	OR/OSS/LAW		
Threatening the safety and security of the school and/or bus.	OR/OSS3	OR/OSS/LAW		
Threatening to take the life of or inflict bodily harm upon a principal, staff member or members of their immediate family.	OR/OSS/LAW	EXP/LAW		

NOTE: Law Enforcement may be contacted for any Level III Offense.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Grades 3 - 5

<u>LEGEND</u>	
Numbers indicate number of days	
RE: Recommend Expulsion	AD: Administrative Detention
VR: Verbal Reprimand	LAW: Law Enforcement
WR: Written Reprimand	R: Referral to Outside Agency
WP: Withdrawal of Privileges	RES: Restitution of Property/Damages
PC: Parent Contact/Conference	ISS: In-School Suspension
TD: Teacher Detention/Restricted Recess	OSS: Out-of-School Suspension
OR: Office Referral	T: Transfer
TRC: Temporary Removal from Class	EXP: Expulsion
AIP: Attendance Intervention Plan	DAO: District Attendance Officer

LEVEL 1 – BEHAVIORAL MISCONDUCT				
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Cheating on examinations or	DET/zero on	DET/zero on	DET/zero on	OR/zero on

classroom assignments	assignment/PC	assignment/PC	assignment/PC	assignment/PC
Lying	WP	WP	DET	OR
Acting in a manner so as to interfere with the instructional process	WP	VR/PC	DET	OR
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Inappropriate language between or among students	WP	WP	DET	OR
Failure to complete assignments or carry out directions	WP	WP	DET	OR
Use of forged notes or excuses	VR/Parent Contact	DET/Parent Contact	WP/Parent Contact	OR
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Cutting class	WP	WP	DET	OR
Unexcused school tardiness	(3 Tardies) Warning Letter	(6 Tardies) AIP	(8 Tardies) 1 OSS/DAO	(10 Tardies) 2 OSS/R/DSS

LEVEL 2 – DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT				
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Use of an intoxicant	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW
Fighting	OSS	OSS	OSS	OSS
Vandalism (minor)	VR/RES	RES/PC	OSS	OSS
Minor Theft	WP/RES/PC	WP/RES/PC	OSS/RES	OSS/RES
Abusive language to staff	PC/ISS or PC/AD	ISS/CP/AD	OSS	OSS
Refusal to obey school personnel or agents (such as volunteer aides or chaperones) whose responsibilities include supervision of students	WP/PC	ISS or OSS	ISS or OSS	OSS
Possession or use of unauthorized substances, as defined by law or local school board policy	PC/OR/1 OSS	R/OSS	R/OSS	R/OSS
Unlawful assembly	LAW	LAW	LAW	LAW/EXP
Inappropriate Use of Cell Phone	PC & Return Phone to Parent	PC/WP & Return to Parent	PC/OSS & Return to Parent	PC/OSS & Loss of Cell Phone Privilege for Remainder of Year
Disrupting lawful assembly	WP/OR	PC	ISS/OSS	ISS/OSS
Hazing	PC/TRC	TRC	OSS	OSS
Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying	WP/Parent Contact	ISS/OSS	ISS/OSS	OSS

NOTE: The administrator or other school officials may refer Level 2 misconduct to the School Resource Office or other local law enforcement authority when the conduct rises to a level of

criminality, the conduct presents an immediate safety risk, or the conduct is the third or subsequent act which rises to a level of criminality in that school year.

LEVEL 3 – CRIMINAL CONDUCT				
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Assault and battery	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW	EXP/LAW	
Extortion	OSS	OSS	OSS	EXP
Bomb threat	5 OSS/LAW	EXP/LAW		
Trespassing	LAW	LAW	LAW	LAW/EXP
Possession, use or transfer of a weapon	OSS/LAW	EXP/LAW		
Possession of a Firearm	EXP for a minimum of 12 Months/ LAW			
Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Sexual offenses	OSS	OSS	OSS	EXP
Vandalism (major)	OSS	OSS	OSS	OSS
Major theft, possession or sale of stolen property	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW	OSS/LAW
Arson	EXP/LAW			
Possession of controlled substances (drugs, narcotics, or poisons)	OSS/LAW	EXP/LAW		
Furnishing, selling, or distribution of controlled substances (drugs, narcotics, or poisons)	EXP/LAW			
Distribution, sale, purchase, manufacture or unlawful possession of a controlled substance while in or within a radius of one-half mile of school grounds	EXP/LAW			
Threatening to take the life of or inflict bodily harm upon another student.	5 OSS/PC/ LAW	10 OSS/PC/ LAW	RE/PC/LAW	
Threatening the safety and security of the school and/or bus.	5 OSS/PC/ LAW	10 OSS/PC/ LAW	RE/PC/LAW	
Threatening to take the life of or inflict bodily harm upon a principal, staff member or members of their immediate family.	OR/OSS/LAW	EXP/LAW		

NOTE: Law Enforcement may be contacted for any Level 3 Offense.

Breach of Conduct	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
Unauthorized installation of software (games, chat, hacks, etc.)	OSS & RES	OSS & RES	OSS & RES	OSS & RES

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL: Grades 6 - 12

The consequences for Middle and High School Technology Offenses are addressed in the Breach of Conduct Charts for Middle and High School in the Code of Conduct Section.

ARTICLE XII – SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

XII-1. SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

The safety of our students being transported to and from school is very important. Any violation of the student behavior code will be enforced while students are en route to their bus stop, while at the bus stop, and during their time on the bus.

A school bus driver represents the school authority and, being responsible for the students on the bus, must have supervision and authority over the passengers. Riding the bus is a privilege and must be treated as such. To continue riding the bus, passengers must follow certain rules of behavior. These rules are as follows:

1. Upon entering the bus, go to the area you have been assigned.
2. Do as the driver asks. If you have a complaint, take it to the assistant principal or principal.
3. Remain seated until you are at school or home.
4. Never put your head, arm, or legs out of a bus window.
5. Do not talk to the driver except in an emergency.
6. Smoking, eating, or drinking are not allowed on the bus.
7. Obscene language and signs are prohibited, as well as making rude remarks to persons outside the bus.
8. You must ride your usual bus every day. You may not switch buses without permission beforehand.

XII-2. STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES

Policy EEAEC Student Conduct on Buses

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for safe student transportation.

Safety is of prime importance for our students as we transport them to and from school and school-sponsored activities. Safety requires the cooperation of students, parents/legal guardians and school personnel.

The district charges students with the responsibility of conduct that will result in safe transportation, respect for school personnel and respect for other students. The school bus is an extension of school activity. Therefore, the board expects students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with the established standards for safety and classroom behavior. All bus riders must cooperate fully with the bus driver and observe the bus rules.

The bus driver is responsible for supervision of students on the bus. The driver may stop the bus at any time when misbehavior or threatened misbehavior presents a hazard to safe driving.

The driver will report students who create a disturbance on school buses. The principal or his/her designee as authorized by state law and regulation, may suspend or deny bus transportation to a student whose conduct is persistently and/or flagrantly detrimental to safety and order on the bus.

The board supports the use of video cameras on school buses used for transportation to and from school as well as for field trips, curricular and extracurricular events. The district will use video cameras to monitor student behavior. The district may use videotapes as evidence in a student disciplinary proceeding. The videotapes are student records subject to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, school district confidentiality, board policy and administrative regulations.

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Video cameras on state owned school buses

Video cameras may be placed on any school bus in Abbeville County School District as authorized by the local transportation director. All students will be notified that they are subject to being videotaped on the school bus at any time. Notification to parents/legal guardians of all students will be made through the school district and the media. The taping will be audio and video.

The method of videotaping on the buses will be on a rotation basis so as not to select only certain buses. Based on the number of incidents or misconduct or the seriousness of these reports, video monitoring of a bus route may be done more extensively. The district transportation coordinator or local transportation supervisor may decide if more extensive monitoring is needed based on just cause.

After the videotaping has been conducted, the tapes are to be stored in the local transportation supervisor's office for a period of 10 days. The local transportation supervisor will review periodically videotapes randomly selected to ensure proper school bus conduct. If no incidents are reported within 10 days, the tapes will be recycled. If incidents are reported, or if incidents are viewed during random viewing, the videotapes will be kept until final disciplinary action is carried out.

A request for reviewing can only be made with the intent to observe a given problem or situation and in an effort to work towards a resolution of that problem or incident.

A request for viewing a videotape can be made only by drivers, school administrators, the local transportation supervisor or parents/legal guardians. The request will be made in writing to the local transportation supervisor.

XII-3. SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION PROCEDURE

The following procedures are the steps normally followed in dealing with student violations. At the discretion of the administration, additional options may be provided. Note also that for a severe and serious violation, a student may be suspended from the bus for the remainder of the year regardless of whether previous violations exist. Only designated persons/students are allowed to ride school buses. Students may be suspended from bus transportation for creating a disruption on the bus. Video cameras have been installed in our school buses which are randomly turned on to monitor student and driver behavior.

Student behavior violations are divided into two levels depending on their severity. Level 1 offenses are composed of student behavior that is disorderly to the operation of the buses. Level 2 offenses are composed of student behavior that is disruptive and/or criminal in nature. The behaviors include but are not limited to the following:

Level 1 – Disorderly Conduct

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| • Eating and drinking on the bus | • Horse playing on the bus or stop |
| • Littering on the bus | • Refusing to obey driver and monitor |
| • Possession or use of electronics on the bus | • Rude, boisterous conduct |
| • Out of assigned seat | • Other violations as deemed appropriate by the administration |

Level 2 – Disruptive and/or Criminal Conduct

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| • Unsafe boarding / departure | • Opening emergency exit |
| • Standing while bus in motion | • Pushing / tripping |
| • Harassment of other students | • Smoking / using tobacco |
| • Throwing objects on or out of bus | • Using profanity |
| • Hanging out of the window | • Getting off at unassigned stop |
| • Possession of a weapon(s) | • Riding another bus without permission |
| • Assaulting the driver / monitor | • Possession of obscene items |
| • Making a threat (Individual or Terrorist) | • Obscene gestures / actions |
| • Vandalism to bus | • Other violations as deemed appropriate by the administration |
| • Assaulting another student / Fighting | |

ACTIONS NORMALLY TAKEN BY ADMINISTRATOR:

1st Referral – Warning / Reprimand

Level 1

2nd Referral – Conference with student / Call to parent(s)

3rd Referral – SUSPENDED from riding all buses for three (3) days

(A 4th Referral at Level 1 becomes a 2nd Referral at Level 2. Fighting is a Level 2, 2nd Referral.)

Level 2

2nd Referral – SUSPENDED from riding all buses for five (5) days

3rd Referral – SUSPENDED from riding all buses for ten (10) days

4th Referral – SUSPENDED from riding all buses for the remainder of the school year

Infractions that are a substantial disruption to the safe operation of the school bus and its passengers can result in the immediate removal of transportation privileges for the remainder of the school year.

XII-4. CHANGING TRANSPORTATION HOME

At the beginning of school, parents must notify the schools about their child’s designated transportation home. Students are expected to use the same transportation home each day unless written permission is provided to the principal by the parent. The principal, if approved, will authorize the change in transportation.

Changes in transportation should be submitted in writing to the school before 1:00 P.M. each day and should be limited to emergencies. Phone calls to change a child’s transportation will not be accepted. Parents should send a written note in the morning or go to the school prior to 1:00 P.M.

Changes in transportation that are too frequent or that are submitted too late may create a disruption for the school transportation system and thus threaten the safety of the student and the orderly operation of the buses. The principal reserves the right to deny any requests for a change in transportation if the requests become frequent or if they are submitted too late.

XII-5. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT TO AND FROM THEIR BUS STOP

SECTION 59-67-415. Parental responsibility for safe and timely arrival of children to and from bus stop. (South Carolina Code of Laws)

Parents or guardians are responsible for the safety, conduct, and the timely arrival of their children to, from, and at the designated school bus stop before the arrival of the school bus for pick up and transport to school and the timely departure of the children after the school bus leaves the designated school bus stop after transporting the children from school. For purposes of this section, the phrase “arrival of the school bus” includes the time that the school bus assigned to the school bus stop activates the required pedestrian safety devices, stops, and loads or unloads students until the school bus deactivates all pedestrian safety devices.

XII-6. INTERFERENCE WITH OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUS

SECTION 59-67-245. Interference with operation of school bus; penalties. (South Carolina Code of Laws)

No person shall willfully and wrongfully interfere with the operation of a school bus, either public or private, by boarding, restricting movement or using threats, either physical or verbal, to the driver or any passenger while the bus is engaged in the transportation of pupils to and from school or any lawful school activity or while passengers are entering or leaving the bus nor shall any person willfully fail or refuse to obey a lawful order of a school bus driver relating to the occupancy of a school bus. The use of threatening, obscene or profane language addressed to the driver or any