

MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUS CONDUCT	Descriptor Code: JCBE	Issued Date: 12/07/98
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In order to maintain conditions and atmosphere suitable for learning, no person shall enter onto a school bus except students assigned to that bus or parents of students or other persons with lawful and valid business on the bus.¹

The school bus is an extension of school activity; therefore, students shall conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with the established standards for safety and classroom behavior.

Students are under the supervision and control of the bus driver while on his/her bus, and all reasonable directions given by him/her shall be followed.

The principal of the student transported shall be informed by the bus driver of any serious discipline problem and may be called upon to assist if necessary. A student may be denied the privilege of riding the bus if the principal determines that his/her behavior is such as to cause disruption on the bus, or if he/she disobeys state or local rules and regulations pertaining to student transportation.

Upon the principal's determination that the student's action on the bus is causing a disruption or disobeying state or local rules and regulations, the principal and bus driver shall fill out the bus conduct report (see Exhibit B) and inform the student of action taken.

Depending on the severity of the incident, the principal shall determine the punishment and inform the driver of action taken and notify the parents of such action.

The following are suggested punishment:

First Offense - after school detention or suspension from bus transportation

Second Offense - three (3) day suspension from bus transportation

Third Offense - minimum of 5-day suspension from bus transportation and a meeting with principal, bus driver, and parents before student is allowed to ride the bus

Parents are to be notified of action taken and when such action goes into effect, and to make arrangements to pick up student if necessary.

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Other occurring offenses will be treated as third offense.

When an incident occurs on school-to-home routes that the bus driver feels will make his or her route on the next run (morning) unsafe to transport a student or students, he or she will notify the principal of such incident. The principal will then make the decision to suspend or not.² If the principal agrees that a student or students should not ride the bus, the principal will notify the parents of such action and set up a conference with parents, bus driver, and principal.

The suspension of a student from riding the school bus shall follow the same procedures as for any other school suspension.

Any student who gets off the bus at any point between the pick-up point and school must present the bus driver with a note of authorization from the parent or the principal of the school that the student attends.

Any student wishing to ride a bus other than his/her designated bus must have written parental permission and the approval of the principal or his/her designee.

Students who transfer from bus to bus while en route to and from school shall be expected to abide by the discipline policies adopted by the Board and rules adopted by the staff of the terminal school.

USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities.

Video surveillance shall be used only to promote the order, safety and security of students, staff and property.

Legal Reference:

1. TCA 49-6-2008
2. TCA 49-6-3401

Cross References:

Student Transportation Management 3.400
Scheduling and Routing 3.401
Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension 6.316
Student Records 6.600-604