

Bus Expectations

Sit in assigned seat

1. Remain in seat assigned by the bus driver
2. Remain in seat on bus until driver gives permission to exit and the bus has stopped

Speak quietly

1. Conversational tone
2. Speak only with those who occupy the same seat

Show respect

1. Keep aisle clear
2. Stand safely and behave respectfully on sidewalk while loading and unloading.
3. Keep all body parts in the bus
4. Use appropriate language and gestures
5. Avoid distracting behavior
6. Only open/close windows with permission
7. Be courteous
8. Refrain from bringing banned devices (electronics, alcohol, food, weapons, etc).

Bus Discipline Regulations

1. Students shall obey all of the rules and regulations set forth by the State of Louisiana and the Lafayette Parish School Board while on or around the school bus.
2. The school bus driver is in full charge of the school bus and passengers. Passengers shall obey the school bus driver at all times.
3. Students riding a school bus are to follow the bus driver's directions.
4. Disciplinary action for major infractions will be administered by the school administrator following an investigation and according to the interventions outlined in the LPSS Bus Discipline Matrix.
5. Bus drivers shall complete a School Bus Behavior Report within 24 hours of the incident.
6. Bus Drivers should be notified of bus suspensions, expulsions, or medical or physical limitations of students.
7. Any behavior that compromises bus safety is considered MAJOR and seriously jeopardizes the safety of all passengers as well as the bus driver and passing motorists. **Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right, and the consequences of misconduct could result in the denial of transportation.**
8. Suspension from the school bus could include suspension from transportation to any school activity. This does not relieve parents of the obligation to transport the student to and from school.
9. Students must be on time to board the bus. Students should be at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes prior to scheduled pick up time.
10. Occasional student passengers who are boarding a bus to ride to a friend's home must obtain written permission on the previous day from the school office to board a different school bus. The office permission should include; student name, friend's name, location of pick up and drop off. This is only allowed if space is available.
11. Defacement of the bus is not allowed, and is considered vandalism. Restitution MUST be made prior to the student being allowed back on to the bus.
12. Trash of any type should not be left on bus.
13. Food and drink is not allowed on bus.
14. Bus drivers are permitted to make reasonable rules to ensure safety of the bus.

Bus Minor Infractions

MINOR infractions may be defined as: low level misbehavior that is not safety-related. Examples may include:

- Eating on bus
- Drinking on bus
- Litter on bus
- Failure to sit in seat
- Inappropriate remarks (minor insults that occur on a one time basis, low level profanity directed at an inanimate object)
- Loud talking that is not compromising safety of the bus
- ID and Dress Code Violations

Minor Infractions Steps

Each time a student commits a MINOR INFRACTION; the bus driver shall assign the following interventions in the outlined order, and document the action taken on the Minor Infraction Log:

1. Issue MINOR BUS INFRACTION warning
2. Reassign seat
3. Make parent contact
4. Write the Student up on a Louisiana State School Bus Behavior Report and submit to the Principal

Bus Major Infractions

MAJOR infractions may be defined as: misbehavior that is safety-related, the result of which may harm the driver, students or the public. These must be written on a Louisiana State School Bus Behavior Report.

MAJOR INFRACTIONS include all infractions listed on the LPSS Bus Matrix.

Bus Suspensions

When a student has been written up on the School Bus Behavior Report for behavior that warrants a Bus Suspension, as indicated on the Bus Matrix, a student may receive a suspension of his bus riding privileges in the following manner:

Bus Suspensions

First Suspension: 1-3 days

Second Suspension: 5 days

Third Suspension: 30 days

Fourth Suspension: Remainder of school year