

Bus Procedures - A privilege of ridership!

Board Policy 711

The goal of the NCSD Student Transportation Program is to provide each student with safe and enjoyable transportation to and from school, during co-curricular activities, and on any school sponsored activity.

Safety is the priority; therefore, proper conduct on school buses by all transported students is required.

Transportation is a privilege granted to students contingent upon the exhibition of proper behavior, therefore, the NCSD has established transportation student behavior guidelines which apply to all students. Each student and their parent/guardian is responsible for the behavior of the student while on school provided transportation.

A student's privilege to ride the school bus or in school provided transportation may be suspended or revoked. Revocation of a student's bus riding privilege is not considered an exclusion, expulsion, or suspension from school. The district does not provide alternative transportation for a student that has lost his/her riding privilege. Decisions regarding special education students will take into account their IEP needs/requirements.

Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's behavior before and after the bus' arrival/departure.

To ensure the safety of all students, the following guidelines have been established to respond to student actions that interfere with the safety of other students on NCSD provided transportation.

LEVEL 1

- o Failure to follow driver's directions
- o Standing, not facing forward, while bus is moving
- o Boarding/exiting at other than assigned stop
- o Excessive noise or misbehavior
- o Horseplay
- o Food or drink on bus
- o Other forms of misbehavior that, in the view of the bus driver, create a safety concern.

Consequences:

First Offense: Verbal warning and up to 3 day bus suspension

Second Offense: Written warning and up to 5 day bus suspension

Third Offense: Considered Level 2

LEVEL 2

- o Threatening comments
- o Disrespecting others
- o Possession or use of anything that may be considered a weapon
- o Running beside a moving bus
- o Distracting the driver
- o Use of obscene or profane actions / language
- o Extending any body parts out of the window
- o Throwing or shooting objects
- o Vandalism of school or student property
- o Inappropriate use of electronic devices

Consequences:

First Offense: Written warning and up to five (5) day bus suspension

Second Offense: Written warning and up to thirty (30) day bus suspension

Third Offense: Considered Level 3

LEVEL 3

- o Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- o Possession of a weapon, ammunition, or fire
- o Assault, violence toward bus driver or student(s)
- o Bullying
- o Flagrant disregard for safety

Consequences:

First Offense: Minimum thirty (30) day bus suspension, referral to school office for disciplinary action, and up to suspension of bus riding privilege for the remainder of the school year.

This information serves as notice to parents of the intent of the NCSD to respond to behaviors that create a safety concern on school provided transportation.

Parents are urged to review this information with their children, establish their own expectations for safe behavior while on school provided transportation, and ensure that students are aware of the NCSD expectations for student behavior as stated above.

Notification of Change in Transportation

Please contact the NCSD Transportation Director or school office when students need a temporary change in bus assignment.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in the NCSD's effort to provide safe and enjoyable transportation for all students! If you should have questions, please email: Director of Transportation nctransportation@north-cedarstu.org.