

Student Conduct on Buses

Riding the school bus is a privilege for students, not a right. Students are expected to follow the same behavioral standards while riding in Charter School- contracted vehicles as are expected on Charter School property or at school activities, functions, or events, and additional specific transportation safety rules. All Charter School rules are in effect while a student is riding a school bus or at a school bus stop.

The Director shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules shall be reviewed annually by the Director and revised if necessary. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

A copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses shall be provided to students at the beginning of the year. The classroom teacher and bus driver shall review the rules with the students at the beginning of each school year. A copy of the rules shall be posted in each bus and shall be available upon request at the Charter School office and in the Director's office.

The bus driver shall be responsible for enforcing the rules and shall work closely with the parent and Director to modify a student's behavior. The rules shall include consistent consequences for student misbehavior.

Recommendations for permanent termination of bus privileges will be referred to the Director for final determination. The termination may be appealed to the Board. No further appeal shall be allowed.

A recommendation to terminate bus privileges shall be accompanied by a written record of the incident(s) that led to the recommendation. Said written record shall be provided to the parent/guardian of the student whose bus privileges are being revoked.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities

If a student's IEP team determines that special transportation is required and documents it on the IEP, all procedures under the IDEA 2004 must be followed with regards to the student and transportation. A suspension from bus transportation depends on whether bus transportation is identified on the IEP:

1. If bus transportation is on the IEP, a suspension from the bus would be treated as a suspension from school. An exception to this is if the Charter School provides transportation in some other way, such as transportation in lieu of, because transportation is necessary.

2. If bus transportation is not on the IEP, a suspension from the bus would not be counted as suspension from school. In this situation, the student and the parent would have the same obligation to get to and from school as a student without a disability who had been suspended from the bus.

Cross Reference: 3330 Student Discipline
 8130 Transportation of Students with Disabilities

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1501 Transportation Authorized
 I.C. § 33-205 Denial of School Attendance

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