

# The 11 School Bus Rules

1. Obey the driver or adult.
2. Enter and exit the bus safely
3. Stay properly seated
4. Keep your hands, feet and other body parts to yourself.
5. Do not throw things.
6. Put nothing out of the window.
7. Remain quiet and do not disturb the driver or others.
8. No profanity, indecency, smoking, prohibited items or vandalism.
9. Do not eat, drink or chew gum.
10. Ride the bus you are assigned.
11. Be responsible, be safe.

Category	Examples of Infractions	First Referral	Second Referral	Third Referral	Fourth Referral	Fifth Referral
<b>A</b> Minor Misconduct	1- Boarding or exiting the bus unsafely 2- Standing while bus is in motion or not being properly seated 3- Obstructing an empty seat, door, stairs or aisle 4- Making excessive noise 5- Disturbing, insulting, or harassing other students 6- Public Display of Affection (PDA) 7- Eating, drinking, chewing gum 8- Using profane or obscene language or gestures 9- Littering	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  Oral/ Written Warning  Assigned Seat	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  1-3 day Bus Suspension  After school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  3-5 day Bus Suspension  After school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  5-10 day Bus Suspension  After school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	Suspension of Riding Privileges for the Remainder of SY
<b>B</b> Serious Infractions	1- Failure to comply (or disrespectful, talking-back, lying) with bus driver or other adult's instructions 2- Horseplay and spitting 3- Throwing objects at, within, or out of the bus 4- Sticking objects or body parts out the window/door 5- Full or partial nudity 6- Vandalism, damage, theft - less than \$100	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  1-3 day Bus Suspension  After school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  3-5 day Bus Suspension  After school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  5-10 day Bus Suspension  After school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	Suspension of Riding Privileges for the Remainder of SY	
<b>C</b> Severe Offenses (including in school consequences)	1- Tobacco or alcohol use 2- Sitting in driver's seat/tampering with controls 3- Interfering with driver 4- Unauthorized operation of emergency exits 5- Fighting, hitting, biting, pushing 6- Vandalism, damage, or theft – greater than \$100 7- Any action that leads to a bus accident	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  3-5 day Bus Suspension  3-5 day after school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	<b>One or more of the following:</b>  5-10 day Bus Suspension  5-10 day after school detention  In School Suspension  Out of School Suspension	Suspension of Riding Privileges for the Remainder of SY		
<b>D</b> Criminal or Illegal Acts (including in school consequences and possible involvement with local law enforcement)	1- Possession or use of weapons or other prohibited items 2- Possession of illegal substances 3- Lewd or indecent acts 4- Threatening or causing injury to another person 5- Bomb threat	<b>SCHOOL SUSPENSION/ EXPULSION PROCEEDINGS INITIATED</b>		1 - All rule infractions are cumulative in most cases for the SY. A series of minor infractions may result in serious consequences. 2 - All misconduct must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Depending upon severity, warnings, suspensions or expulsions may be deemed appropriate regardless of sequence or frequency of misconduct incidents. 3 - Possession of weapons or prohibited items, controlled substances, alcohol or other serious incidents may result in suspension or expulsion from school in addition to the loss of bus privileges. 4 - Discipline of students with disabilities must be consistent with the provisions of the Pennsylvania Department of Education		