

DEFINITION

The temporary exclusion of a student from physical presence on a school bus (not to exceed three days for a single suspension.) Suspension may be continued to a maximum of ten days with concurrence of the superintendent.

The school bus driver has the authority to suspend a student from riding the school bus if, in his judgment, the student's behavior warrants suspension.

Before a student is suspended from riding, the following action must be taken:

1. The bus driver will explain to the student the reason for the suspension and the process he/she should follow to become reinstated on the bus.
2. The bus driver will give the student an opportunity to explain what occurred and defend his actions.
3. The parent/guardian must be informed of the suspension and the reason for the suspension before the next day.
4. The bus driver will notify the bus supervisor of the suspension.

The bus supervisor will notify the superintendent in cases where he feels the seriousness of the case warrants such notification.

The student may be reinstated after meeting with the bus supervisor and other personnel the supervisor feels appropriate. The student and his parent/guardian should be present at the meeting. A plan of action for correcting the problem will be developed during this meeting. This plan should include the student's commitment to follow the plan, and follow up procedures to insure that the student is meeting his/her commitment.

The suspension rule does not affect the penalty for vandalism; in such cases restitution must be made before consideration will be given to allow that student to re-ride.