

Disciplinary Action

Bus riders are under the authority of the school administration and the bus driver/aide, and shall observe established and appropriate standards of classroom behavior and dress.

Bus-riding privileges may be denied to a student who violates the rules of conduct.

Students who damage district property may be suspended or expelled from school. Under Arizona law, parents or guardians may be charged for the cost of damage done to district property by their children.

Denial of school bus service

Riding the bus is a privilege – not a right. Inappropriate conduct at bus stops, on buses or in the process of boarding or disembarking from a bus may result in the denial of bus-riding privileges. When school bus rules are violated, the following will occur:

Reasonable Requests – Students who refuse to give their names, to accept a temporary or permanent seating assignment, or to respond appropriately to other reasonable requests may be denied bus-riding privileges.

Warning – The bus driver/aide may warn a student to correct his or her behavior before taking disciplinary action.

First Infraction – The first infraction, the driver/aide will document the incident on a referral for the Transportation Director who will meet with the student to try and remedy the situation and together will come up with a plan of action. Possible parent contact depending on remedy.

Second Infraction – The second infraction, documented on a referral to the Transportation Director, will result in parent contact. Parent, director, and student will discuss plan of action.

Third Infraction – The third infraction, documented on a referral to Transportation Director, in consultation with the Principal, will result in the denial of bus-riding privileges from buses for up to 5 days.

Fourth Infraction – The fourth infraction, documented on a referral to Transportation Director, in consultation with the Principal, will result in the denial of bus-riding privileges

from buses for one month or for the rest of the semester.

Serious Infractions – If an infraction is deemed serious enough, the student may be denied bus-riding privileges from buses for a range of 5 days, 1 month, entire semester, or for an entire school year.

Combustibles – Any student in possession of substance or object that is readily capable of causing bodily harm or property damage, i.e. matches, lighters, firecrackers, gasoline, and lighter fluid will be subject to the following consequences:

- Student shall be isolated from other students
- Parents will be informed of incident and disciplinary procedures
- Student may be suspended from school premises for a period of time for the Disciplinary Committee to meet and determine appropriate steps.
- Student may be encouraged to participate in counseling/intervention services.
- Student may be recommended for a formal disciplinary hearing
- Administration may involve police. Legal action may be taken.