

### SUSPENSION OF STUDENT'S BUS PRIVILEGES

Riding a school bus is a privilege granted by the Board of Education, New Jersey Law does not require school districts to bus children to school if they live **TWO MILES** or less from the school they are attending.

Poor pupil behavior does occur on our school buses occasionally. The Board of Education has established the following district wide discipline policy for pupil transportation:

#### First Offense:

Following a written complaint by a bus driver the school principal shall investigate the circumstances of the driver's complaint and, if the complaint is deemed substantiated by the principal, shall send a letter home to the parents/guardians concerning the situation. The parents/guardians are requested to sign the letter and promptly return it to the principal. **THIS IS A WARNING NOTICE.** A copy of this policy shall accompany the letter sent home by the principal.

#### Second Offense:

Following a second written complaint, in the same school year, the school principal shall investigate the circumstances of the drivers' complaint and, if the complaint is deemed substantiated by the principal, shall suspend the student from bus transportation for three school days. The parents/guardians will be scheduled for a conference with the school principal, the student, and bus driver to discuss the situation.

#### Third Offense:

Following a third written complaint, in the same school year, the school principal shall investigate the circumstances of the drivers' complaint and, if the complaint is deemed substantiated by the principal, shall suspend the student from bus transportation for five school days. The parents/ guardians are required to meet with the school principal, bus driver, transportation supervisor, and the student to discuss the situation. Should the parents/guardians fail to attend the meeting, the bus suspension will remain in effect until a parent/guardian conference is held.

#### Subsequent Offense:

Subsequent offenses shall follow the same procedures as identified by the Third Offense.

STUDENT SUSPENSION POLICY

School Attendance:

Although suspended from bus transportation the child is required to attend school. The law makes the parents/guardians responsible for transporting the child to and from school even though he/her is suspended from the bus. Failure of the child to attend school may result in the issuance of a Five Day Court Notice.

Suspension From School:

In accordance with Policy 5114 - Suspension or Expulsion and Regulation 5144 - Discipline Guidelines, a discipline infraction occurring on a school bus shall result in a suspension from school should the infraction have resulted in a school suspension had it occurred in school. The infraction shall not be included as a bus misconduct offense.

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Legal Reference:  
N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2 Authority over Pupils

Cross References:  
3541 Transportation  
3541.1 Routes and services  
5131 Student conduct  
5144 Student discipline