

## BUS DISCIPLINE CONDUCT RUBRIC

Riding a school bus is a privilege and not a right. UCPS Transportation Services endeavors to provide safe and on time transportation for all students. As such students must partner with bus drivers to ensure a safe and comfortable ride while on the bus and at the bus stop. The information presented herein is consistent with the UCPS Code of Conduct {School Board Policy #4-3(b)} for **Middle & High Students**.

When violations of the UCPS Code of Student Conduct occur while students are utilizing UCPS Transportation Services, the following disciplinary actions will be consistently applied for all elementary students attending any of the Union County Public Schools:

Level I Infraction	Disciplinary Action
1 <sup>st</sup> Referral of Level I Violation	Parent contact; Provide three strike detailed history of student
2 <sup>nd</sup> Referral of Level I Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 1 day or equivalent (mornings/afternoons)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Referral of Level I Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 2 days or equivalent (mornings/afternoons)
4 <sup>th</sup> Referral of Level I Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 3-5 days or equivalent

**Examples of Level I Infractions Include:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Delaying the bus schedule</li> <li>-Tampering with property</li> <li>-Drinking/Eating</li> <li>-Standing/moving while bus is in motion</li> <li>-Horse playing/pushing students</li> <li>-Failure to sit in assigned seat</li> <li>-Loud talking, shouting or yelling</li> <li>-Placing any body part out of the windows</li> <li>-Throwing objects on the bus without injury</li> <li>-Failure to walk in front of the bus when loading or disembarking</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Nuisance items</li> <li>-Electronic devices (Disruptive or Inappropriate Use)</li> <li>-Abusive language, gestures or profanity</li> <li>-Disruptive behavior</li> <li>-Jumping or tumbling over/under seats</li> <li>-Getting on or off the bus at undesignated stops</li> <li>-Refusing to obey the driver’s instructions</li> <li>-Tobacco – See policy 4-3 (b) 12-d</li> </ul> |
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Level II Infraction	Disciplinary Action
1 <sup>st</sup> Referral of Level II Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 0 - 5 days or equivalent (mornings/afternoons)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Referral of Level II Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 5 - 10 days or equivalent (mornings/afternoons)

3 <sup>rd</sup> Referral of Level II Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 10 days to remainder of year
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### **BUS DISCIPLINE CONDUCT RUBRIC continued**

**Examples of Level II Infractions Include:**

- Abusive language & gestures (toward other students)
- Threats towards students
- Illegal unauthorized substances
- Sexual Harassment
- Possession of violent and profane materials
- Bullying
- Throwing objects resulting in injury
- Aggressive behavior
- Prescription Drugs
- Indecent exposure
- Mercury and other dangerous chemicals
- Throwing objects toward staff

<b>Level III Infraction</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Referral of Level III Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 5 - 10 days or equivalent (mornings/afternoons)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Referral of Level III Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for 10 days to remainder of year
3 <sup>rd</sup> Referral of Level III Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for remainder of school year

**Examples of Level III Infractions Include:**

- Abusive language and gestures toward staff
- Aggressive behavior towards staff
- Physical violence toward students
- Threats toward students, staff and adults
- Extortion and blackmail
- Arson
- Consensual Sexual Activity
- Offensive touching
- Sexual battery
- Possession, distribution or under the influence of illegal substance, illegal drugs, or another person's prescription drug
- False alarms
- Hazing
- Alcohol
- Behaviors that incite a riot
- Bomb Threat
- Terrorist threat
- Possession of weapons
- Chronic disruptive behavior
- Theft or vandalism

<b>Level IV Infraction</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Referral of Level IV Violation	Parent contact; bus privileges suspended for remainder of year

**Examples of Level IV Infractions Include:**

- Firearm and destructive devices
- Persistently dangerous students (14 and over)
- Physical violence towards staff
- Use of weapon

**Level IV infractions will be handled as required under state law; school administrators will follow UCPS policy #4-3(b) when administering consequences and behavioral interventions. Consequences shown in this document are considered minimum disciplinary actions; administrators are NOT limited to the consequences herein and may choose additional behavioral strategies consistent with UCPS Policy #4-3.**