

**Transportation Services**

**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 AG} 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 middle/high students attending any of the Union County Public Schools:

<b>Level I Infraction</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action</b>
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:**

- Delaying the bus schedule
- Tampering with property
- Drinking/Eating
- Standing/moving while bus is in motion
- Horse playing/pushing students
- Failure to sit in assigned seat
- Loud talking, shouting or yelling
- Placing any body part out of the windows
- Throwing objects on the bus without injury
- Failure to walk in front of the bus when loading or disembarking
- Nuisance items
- Electronic devices (Disruptive or Inappropriate Use)
- Abusive language, gestures or profanity
- Disruptive behavior
- Jumping or tumbling over/under seats
- Getting on or off the bus at undesignated stops
- Refusing to obey the driver’s instructions
- Tobacco – See policy 4-3 AG 11-d

<b>Level II Infraction</b>	<b>Disciplinary Action</b>
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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**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

Level III Infraction	Disciplinary Action
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

Level IV Infraction	Disciplinary Action
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 AG 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 AG.**