

TRANSPORTATION

School-Sponsored Trips

Students who participate in school-sponsored trips are required to use transportation provided by the school to and from the event. The principal, however, may make an exception if the parent makes a written request that the student be released to the parent or to another adult designated by the parent.

Buses and Other School Vehicles

The district makes school bus transportation available to all students living two or more miles from school. This service is provided at no cost to students. Bus routes and any subsequent changes are posted at the school.

A parent may also designate a child-care facility or grandparent's residence as the regular pickup and drop-off location for his or her child. The designated facility or residence must be on an approved stop on an approved route. For information on bus routes, contact (903) 356-3297.

See the *Student Code of Conduct* for provisions regarding transportation to the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

Students are expected to assist district staff in ensuring that buses remain in good condition and that transportation is provided safely. When riding in district vehicles, students are held to behavioral standards established in this handbook and the *Student Code of Conduct*. Students must:

- Follow the driver's directions at all times.
- Enter and leave the bus or van in an orderly manner at the designated stop nearest home.
- Keep feet, books, instrument cases, and other objects out of the aisle.
- Not deface the bus, van, or its equipment.
- Not put head, hands, arms, or legs out of the window, hold any object out of the window, or throw objects within or out of the bus or van.
- Not possess or use any form of tobacco on school buses.
- Observe all usual classroom rules.
- Be seated while the vehicle is moving.
- Fasten their seat belts.
- Wait for the driver's signal upon leaving the bus or van and before crossing in front of the vehicle.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide transportation to and from school if a child misses the bus.

Misconduct will be punished in accordance with the *Student Code of Conduct*; bus-riding privileges may be suspended.

Procedures for Bus Misconduct

Bus transportation is a service that Quinlan ISD offers to eligible students residing in the district. Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right! Administrator discretion will be used when evaluating referrals and assigning consequences. Students removed from the bus are still responsible for attending school under compulsory attendance law. Students may not ride another bus during the time of suspension from the bus. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide transportation for any student not eligible to ride the bus.

Level 1 Misconduct

Level 1 Misconduct on the school bus includes, but is not limited to the following offenses:

- VIOLATION OF SAFETY PROCEDURES
- FAILURE TO REMAIN SEATED
- EATING, DRINKING, GUM, LITTERING, THROWING OBJECTS
- MINOR UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE/GESTURES
- RUDE, DISCOURTEOUS AND ANNOYING BEHAVIOR TOWARD DRIVER, MONITOR OR FELLOW STUDENT
- HANGING OUT OF WINDOWS
- HORSEPLAY/SCUFFLING, PUSHING, ETC.

Consequences for Level 1 Misconduct

Verbal or written (Bus note to parent) warnings will be given by the driver prior to official referral at the driver's discretion.

- FIRST REFERRAL - WARNING BY ADMINISTRATOR
- SECOND REFERRAL - 1-3 DAYS REMOVAL
(*AT DISCRETION OF ADMINISTRATOR*)
- THIRD REFERRAL - 5 DAYS REMOVAL
- FOURTH REFERRAL - 10 DAYS REMOVAL

Any referral thereafter will result in 20 days removal for each offense.

Level 2 Misconduct

Level 2 Misconduct on the school bus includes but is not limited to the following offenses:

- MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY
- MAJOR UNACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE/GESTURES
- TOBACCO USAGE AND POSSESSION
- FIGHTING

Consequences for Level 2 Misconduct

- FIRST REFERRAL - 5 DAYS REMOVAL
- SECOND REFERRAL - 30 DAYS REMOVAL
- THIRD REFERRAL - 90 DAYS REMOVAL

Level 3 Misconduct

Level 3 Misconduct on the school bus includes, but is not limited to the following offenses:

- ARSON (As defined by Penal Code)
- USE, POSSESSION OR THREAT TO USE A WEAPON OR FIREWORKS
(As defined by Penal Code 46.06)
- ASSAULT
- DISTRIBUTING, POSSESSION OR USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL OR PLACEBO
 - *Marijuana or a controlled substance, as defined by the Texas Controlled Substances Act or by 21 U.S.C. 801 et.seq.
 - *A dangerous drug as defined by Article 4476-14 V.A.T.S.
 - *An alcoholic beverage as defined by the Alcohol Beverage Code.
- ANY OTHER OFFENSES UNDER THE TEXAS CRIMINAL LAWS IN THE GRADE OF CLASS B MISDEMEANORS AND ABOVE

(NOTE: ANY INFRACTION IN THE SEVERE CATEGORY WILL RESULT IN NOTIFICATION OF THE APPROPRIATE JUVENILE AUTHORITIES.)

Consequences for Level 3 Misconduct

STUDENTS WILL LOOSE BUS PRIVILEGES FOR 1 YEAR. THE STUDENT MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO DAEP OR EXPULSION FROM SCHOOL AS A RESULT OF SEVERE MISCONDUCT ON THE BUS.