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TRANSPORTATION SAFETY CODE

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY RULES FOR PUPILS

School Bus drivers are to have reasonable control of all school children conveyed between the homes of the children and the school and return. The driver shall keep order, maintain discipline among the children while the bus or along the route, and shall use every care for safety of the children under his/her charge. Students who ride the school buses are obligated to observe the following safety rules:

1. Pupils shall enter or leave the bus only when it has come to a full stop and the door has been opened by the driver and then shall enter or leave without pushing or shoving.
2. Each pupil shall be located immediately upon entering the bus in such place as may be assigned by the driver and no pupil shall move from place to place while the bus is in motion.
3. Pupils shall operate windows and doors only when permission is given by the driver.
4. Loud, boisterous, profane language, improper conduct, or any other action which might distract the driver or be morally offensive to other students shall not be tolerated.
5. Pupils shall not be allowed to tease, scuffle, trip, hold, hit or use their hands or feet or body in any other objectionable manner.
6. Pupils may not:
 - A. Ride with head, arms or feet out the window.
 - B. Throw any objects from the bus.
 - C. Deface bus seats or any other part of the equipment.
 - D. Smoke or strike matches while on the bus.
 - E. Carry refreshments on the bus.
7. Each pupil should be waiting at his boarding station when the bus arrives. In case of emergency, causing late arrival by the pupil at his station, the school bus driver will be required to wait no longer than three minutes after the scheduled time of arrival at the pupil station. If the school bus driver is already three minutes late, he/she need not wait at all unless the student is within a short distance of the bus and approaching with a reasonable speed.
8. If any of the foregoing rules are disobeyed by the pupil or if there is a failure in a substantial number of instances to comply with directions of the bus driver, during any period of time when the pupil is properly under the drivers supervision, and where such failure constitutes an interference with the safe operation of the bus, or the safety of the other pupils, the following procedure will be followed:

First Offense---Conference between the pupil and principal of the school attended by the pupil.

Second Offense---Conference between the pupil, the principal of the school attended by the pupil. Following which a written notification from the principal will be sent to the parent or guardian, warning that any further infraction of these rules may result in suspension of the pupils' privilege to ride the bus.

Third Offense---Suspension, by the principal, of the pupils' privilege to ride the bus for up to five days with written notification to the parent or guardian.

Fourth Offense---Suspension of the pupils' privilege to ride the bus. At this time consideration will be given to the nature for the infraction and the history of previous disciplinary action in order to determine the length of the suspension which could be the remainder of the school year.

NOTE: In cases of gross misconduct, the bus driver may suspend a pupil for one day. The suspension will take place the following full day of school and will be immediately reported by the driver to the Transportation Supervisor, the parent, and turned in to the principal on Form. TR-110F.