



CNMI Public School System  
**School Bus Misconduct  
 Regulations**

**CNMI Public School System Office of Pupil Transportation Bus Misconduct Regulations**

All students in the CNMI Public School System who avail to transportation services are subjected to policies and regulations designed to provide safe transportation. Any behavior which distracts the driver is considered a serious hazard to the safe operation of the bus, and as such, jeopardizes the safety of all passengers, the driver, and others. Please remember that riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. Such consequences of misconduct could result in your child being denied transportation. Furthermore, be advised that a student suspended from riding the bus is also prohibited from riding buses on field trips and for other activities, and may therefore be denied the opportunity to participate on such trips. Suspension of bus riding privileges does not relieve parents of their responsibility of sending a child to school. It is imperative that your child follow these rules.

**LEVEL I**

Failure to remain properly seated, loud disruptive talking or yelling, Profanity, Failure to take assigned seat, Eating/drinking/chewing gum on bus, Bothering other passengers, Throwing objects on the bus, Crossing behind the bus, Continuously late to bus, Other.

**LEVEL II**

Sexual harrassment or gestures, extending head or arm out bus window, Vandalizing property, Verbal abuse or bullying of another student, Defiant behavior shown to bus driver or assistant, Spitting on or in the bus, Throwing objects at the bus, Other.

**LEVEL III**

Lighting matches/lighter on bus, Throwing objects from the bus, Physical assault on another student, Verbal abuse of or physical assault on driver or assistant, Smoking on the bus, Activating or tampering with emergency equipment, Weapon, simulated weapon, firearm, destructive device or dangerous instrument (on bus or at the bus stop), damaging bus (will require parents to pay for repairs before resuming bus services or 4 months bus suspension)

➡ **Students will be given warnings for LEVEL I offenses, LEVEL II and LEVEL III will not receive warnings.**

**Minimum Consequences**

<b>LEVEL 1</b>	<i>First Offense</i> — Conference with student, Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Second Offense</i> — Conference with parent (telephone or in person) and student (If parent fails to attend a scheduled conference, then student will receive a 3-day suspension of bus riding privileges — same as third offense), Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Third Offense</i> — 3-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (telephone or in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conference, but not for less than 3 days), Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Fourth Offense</i> — 7-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (telephone or in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conference, but not for less than 7 days), Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Fifth Offense</i> — 30-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conference, but not for less than 30 days), Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Sixth Offense</i> — Suspension of bus riding privileges for remainder of school year or for 4 months (carried over to next school year), whichever is greater, Parent signs and returns ticket
<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<i>First Offense</i> — 5-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (telephone or in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conferences, but not less than 5 days), parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Second Offense</i> — 10-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (telephone or in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conferences, but not less than 10 days), parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Third Offense</i> —30-day suspension of bus privileges, Conference with parent (in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conferences, but not less than 30 days), Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Fourth Offense</i> — Suspension of bus riding privileges for remainder of school year or for 4 months (carried over to next school year), whichever is greater, Parent signs and returns ticket
<b>LEVEL 3</b>	<i>First Offense</i> — 10-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (in person) and student (if parent fails to conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conferences, but not less than 10 days), Other District/Legal action as deemed appropriate, Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Second Offense</i> — 30-day suspension of bus riding privileges, Conference with parent (in person) and student (if parent fails to attend a scheduled conference, then student will remain suspended until parent conference, but not less than 30 days), Other District/Legal action as deemed appropriate, Parent signs and returns ticket
	<i>Third Offense</i> — Suspension of bus riding privileges for remainder of school year, Parent signs and returns ticket



CNMI Public School System  
**School Bus Rider**  
**Rules & Procedures Form**

Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

➡ **Riding a school bus is a privilege and that privilege may be withdrawn for failing to comply with the bus rider rules.**

**Before Loading**

1. Be on time at the designated school bus stop in order to keep the bus on schedule. (No later than 6:55a.m).
2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
4. Approach the bus stop with caution. Never cross behind bus.
5. Respect people and their property while waiting for the bus.
6. Students will only be dropped at designated p.m. drop-off.

**During the Ride**

1. Keep all parts of the body inside the bus.
2. Refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
3. Use of any form of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs will not be tolerated.
4. Assist in keeping the bus safe and clean at all times.
5. Keep in mind that loud talking, laughing, or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and could result in a serious accident.
6. Treat bus equipment as you would furniture in your own home. Damage to seats, etc., will be paid for by the offender/parent/and/or guardian.
7. Never tamper with the bus or any of the bus equipment.
8. Maintain possession of books, lunches, and other articles to keep the aisle clear.
9. Do not throw objects in or out of bus.
10. Remain in your seat while the bus is in motion.
11. Refrain from horseplay and fighting on the school bus.
12. Be courteous to fellow students, bus driver, and assistants.
13. Remain in the bus during road emergencies except when it may be hazardous to your safety. Wait for bus drivers instructions.

**Upon Leaving the Bus**

1. If you must cross traffic, go at least ten (10) feet in front of the bus, stop, check traffic, wait for bus driver's signal before leaving the bus stop.
2. Go home immediately, staying clear of traffic.
3. If you drop anything near the bus at the bus stop, do not try to pick it up. Wait until the bus has left the bus stop and traffic is clear.

**Extracurricular Trips**

1. The above rules apply to all trips under school sponsorship.

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**Agreement**

➡ **Each Child Listed on the "School Bus Rider Request Form" should sign a "School Bus Rider Rules & Procedures" form. We, have read the enclosed documents and agree to the terms and conditions:**

- 1) CNMI Public School System Bus Rider Rules & Procedures, 2) Bus Misconduct Regulations,
- 3) Bus Rider Agreement Form, and 4) Kindergarten Transportation Policy

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_