



Guidance Document for Student Conduct on DPS School Buses, District Vehicles, or Any Transportation Provider Utilized by the District

Overview:

Applying discipline consequences for students who misbehave on DPS school buses, or other forms of authorized transportation, follows the Administration Policy JK and Regulation JK-R provisions for student conduct and discipline. The engagement of a student discipline process for school bus misconduct is the duty of the school bus driver or the bus assistant.

The Administration Policies:

DPS Administration Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Vehicles and Buses

DPS Administration Regulation JICC-R – Student Conduct on School Buses

Policies state:

- Only students assigned to a route may ride the bus, unless prior authorization has been granted by the school official in charge
- If requested, all middle and high school students must show proper identification provided by the school to ride the bus
- When waiting for a school bus at a bus stop or a pick-up point, students must conduct themselves in a publically appropriate manner
- Students must take their seats immediately and remain seated
- Students must not open or close windows
- Students must not disturb the driver
- Students must not
 - smoke
 - throw objects
 - litter
 - make loud or unnecessary noise
 - have anything to eat or drink
 - carry any item that may be dangerous to the health or safety of others on the bus

When a student persists in violating any of the rules, it is the duty of the bus driver or the bus assistant to notify the school leader or designee. At this point, Administration Policy JK and Regulation JK-R control the discipline of the student.

DPS Administration Policy JK – Student Discipline

DPS Administration Regulation JK-R – Student Conduct and Discipline Procedures

Administration Regulation JK-R, Section One: School Discipline Administration, Paragraph 1-5(A) Student Conduct Subject to Disciplinary Action states, “Student conduct during either curricular or extracurricular activities in classrooms, in school buildings, on school grounds, or in school vehicles may be subject to disciplinary action, if such conduct is detrimental to the school environment and to the welfare or safety of other students or school personnel.”

Guidance

When the student's behavior has violated DPS Administration Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Vehicles and Buses/DPS Administration Regulation JICC-R – Student Conduct on School Buses, Administration Policy JK – Student Discipline and Regulation JK-R – Student Conduct and Discipline Procedures are invoked.

The school leader or designee will use the Discipline Matrix to identify the offense type. The appropriate level of response corresponding to the offense type is provided on the Discipline Ladder.

- If the school leader/designee chooses to suspend the student from the bus, then the school will need to ensure alternative transportation to school is provided
- If alternative transportation to school is not provided, then the school leader/designee must also suspend the student from school
 - If the offense is not a Type Three or above, the student cannot also be suspended from school. No student ECE through third grade can be suspended from school without first consulting with the Operational Service Director for the school or with the Student Discipline Program Manager for the school.

Consultation Support:

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