

BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

The following procedures apply to all students, who ride school buses. Because a student's behavior on the school bus directly affects their safety and the safety of others, the following regulations apply at all times when students are riding the school bus, including field trips. They are designed to provide a fair and responsible system in dealing effectively with unacceptable bus rider behavior and violation of bus rider rules. The primary objectives include correcting unacceptable behavior on the bus, providing for the best interests of all parties, and affording an individual and his/her parents due process should it be necessary to temporarily suspend or more permanently deny transportation services. All school administrative staff and bus transportation staff shall be expected to be fair and consistent in the administration of these established procedures.

1. The initial phase of discipline for non-critical situations shall be between the bus driver and the rider and may include the enforcement of assigned seating.
2. Bus drivers are responsible for disciplinary action on the bus. If the bus driver is unsuccessful on a one to one basis with the rider, the driver shall fill out a misconduct report. This report shall be given to the Transportation Director and/or Safety Supervisor the same day and to the school office within twenty-four (24) hours of the offense. If actions result in the student or students needing to be removed from the school bus immediately, the Beloit Police Department will be called to assist in removing the student(s) from the bus. The student will be released to his/her parent or legal guardian by the Beloit Police Department.
3. Following the issuance of a misconduct report, bus ridership disciplinary action shall be in accordance with the student Code of Conduct and will be dealt with accordingly.
4. Riding the bus is a privilege and not a right. Violations of rules established for bus riders may result in the suspension or expulsion of transportation privileges. Students that are suspended or expelled from bus riding privileges must attend school as required under state law. Parents/guardians are responsible for assuring their child does attend school and make provision for the necessary transportation.

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443.2 Bus Rider Rules

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