

Barnwell School District 45

Bus Code of Conduct

The principal or assistant principal of a school has the authority to deny bus privileges to any student. The following actions will be taken for misbehavior on the bus.

Minor Offenses

1st Offense – 3-day suspension from riding all school buses

2nd Offense – 5-day suspension from riding all school buses

3rd Offense – 10 day suspension from riding all school buses

4th Offense – Suspension from riding all school buses for remainder of school year.

Major Offenses

1st Offense – 5-day suspension from riding all school buses

2nd Offense – 10-day suspension from riding all school buses

3rd Offense – Suspension from riding all school buses for remainder of school year.

List of Possible School Bus Misbehavior Offenses - Minor Offenses

1. Eating and/or drinking on the bus
2. Making excessive noise
3. Failure to sit properly in the bus seat
4. Using profanity on the school bus while engaging in conversation with peers
5. Refusal to sit in an assigned seat
6. Verbally abusing another student
7. Yelling out the bus windows
8. Riding the incorrect bus without proper permission
9. Placing any part of the body out the bus window
10. Inappropriate use of electronic items such as cell phone, IPAD, IPOD, MP3 player, etc. (any such items found on a bus will be confiscated)
11. Failure to move away from a bus after getting off at school or at regular stop
12. Riding another bus while suspended from regular bus
13. Making obscene gestures to others on or outside the bus
14. Disembarking bus at improper stop, school, or bus stop

Major Offense

1. Direct disobedience to the instruction of the bus driver
2. Out of seat while bus is in motion
3. Horse playing on the bus

4. Fighting on the bus (can be a 10-day suspension with request for expulsion)
5. Physical or verbal abuse of the bus driver while he or she is operating the school bus
6. Throwing objects on the school bus or out the bus window
7. Physically bullying, teasing, or intimidating any other student on the bus
8. Possession of weapons or other dangerous objects on the bus
9. Possession of fireworks or other dangerous materials on the bus
10. Playing with matches, lighters, etc., on the bus
11. Refusal to let another student sit down
12. Spitting on others on or outside the bus
13. Serious verbal altercations between students (standing face to face, arguing and shoving, exclusive of hitting)
14. Making a direct threat against the bus driver while he/she is operating the bus
15. Opening the school bus emergency door
16. Physically interfering with the school bus driver while he/she is operating the school
17. Indecent exposure to students on or about the bus or to others outside the bus
18. Possession/use of alcohol and drugs including the misuse of prescription, over the counter or pseudo/synthetic drugs (can also be a 10-day suspension with recommendation for expulsion)
19. Smoking on the bus
20. Acts of vandalism to the school bus.