

## **STUDENT CONDUCT IN SCHOOL VEHICLES**

The privilege of riding a school bus (or other district-provided transportation) is contingent upon a student's good behavior and observance of regulations for student conduct both at bus stops and on board buses (whether on a regular route or special trip).

Students are under the authority and supervision of the bus driver while on the school bus and while entering or leaving the vehicle and shall follow his/her directions. Principals are responsible for student conduct while students are waiting for buses at school; in cooperation with the transportation department, they shall use their professional judgment regarding any student behavior problem. The director of transportation may authorize a driver to refuse transportation to a student.

Any conduct on a school bus that distracts the driver, endangers or threatens others, or violates any other rule of the School Bus Conduct Code or Student Code of Conduct is prohibited. After due warning has been given to the student and parents/guardians, transportation privileges may be withheld.

Students responsible for damage to seats or any other parts of the bus may be denied transportation until reimbursement is made to the district.

Flagrant, willful or repeated violation of student conduct regulations or conduct detrimental to safe operation of the bus may constitute habitually disruptive behavior (see Policy JKC). Such behavior shall be reported to the school principal or his/her designee in accordance with district policy JK, Student Discipline, and the corresponding regulation and may result in student suspension or expulsion.

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C.R.S. 42-1-102 (88.5) (definition of school vehicle which includes a school bus)

Cross refs.: JIC, Student Conduct and sub codes  
JK, Student Discipline and sub codes

*(Note: For details, see "Thompson School District R2-J Department of Transportation Handbook.")*