

REGULATION

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: Policy JCC (formerly Policy 700.02)

Responsible Office: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

A. PURPOSE

The Board of Education believes that students, as well as bus drivers, should be able to ride safely on school buses. The bus driver is in full charge of the bus and students. The students must obey the bus driver promptly and willingly. Students who fail to comply with the rules may be suspended and/or removed indefinitely from the bus if the violation warrants. More serious incidents may involve suspension from school and possible police action.

B. BACKGROUND

1. Schools will open to bus students, at the earliest, 30 minutes before the designated school opening time and will close, at the earliest, when the last bus student has left. Supervision by school-based administrators or designated teacher personnel must be provided for these students during these times.
2. Supervision of students waiting at other school facilities for their buses is the responsibility of the administrative staff of the wait site facility. Disciplinary actions for waiting students is the responsibility of the home school administrative staff after consultation with the wait site administrative staff.
3. Disciplinary action for students being transported from school to school is the responsibility of the receiving school administrator after consultation with the sending school administrative staff.

C. PROCEDURES

1. Sanctions imposed for actions occurring while being transported to school from the home or to home from the school, apply to all transportation connecting the home and the school, provided the student is transported to and from home and to and from the same school facility.
2. Sanctions imposed for actions occurring while being transported from school to school apply to all transportation from school to school.

3. The school administrator in appropriate circumstances may apply sanctions to all transportation services provided to the student. Where students attend more than one school facility, the respective administrators of the differing facilities may apply sanctions as to all transportation received by the student upon conferring with each other.
4. Behavior or activity jeopardizing safe operation of the school bus or interfering with the welfare of other vehicle occupants is prohibited.
5. The school bus operator will report promptly and in writing to appropriate administrative staff any conduct appearing to require disciplinary action. After administrative staff evaluation, appropriate disciplinary action will follow. A copy of the misconduct report will be returned to the school bus operator.
6. Generally, misconduct on a school bus will not deny a student access to the classroom. School suspension will occur only in special cases of misconduct that warrant this type of action.
7. Except as otherwise provided by law, sanctions are as follows:
 - a. For the first offense, the administrative staff will take appropriate action which will include but is not limited to a parent conference. In addition, appropriate action for a first offense may include bus or school suspension; the term will be determined by the school administrator.
 - b. For a second, third, or fourth offense and after parent notification, the administrative staff will take appropriate action, which will include, but is not limited to:
 - (1) Bus suspension for up to five days for a second offense;
 - (2) Bus suspension from six to ten days for a third offense; and
 - (3) Bus suspension for the balance of the school year for a fourth offense.
 - c. Without limiting other available actions or remedies, school administrative staff is authorized to secure restitution for vandalism caused by students to school buses, using the same procedures available for recovery of damages to school property.

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