

SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUS DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES AND CONSEQUENCES

The code below classifies unacceptable behavior into three levels. The examples are not exhaustive but illustrative. Additionally, all consequences are dependent upon the severity and frequency of the misbehavior.

LEVEL 1	
Misbehaviors Misbehaviors that interfere with the orderly transportation of students. Some examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talking too loudly• Failure to stay seated• Littering on the bus• Tampering with the possessions of other passengers	Consequences The bus driver may address the misbehavior in the following manners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Verbal warning issued to student• Assigned seats
LEVEL 2	
Misbehaviors More severe misbehaviors that interfere with the orderly transportation of students. Some examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annoying and/or bullying other passengers• Littering the bus - repeat offense• Tampering with the possessions of others• Use of profanity• Damage to the bus	Consequences The bus driver reports misbehaviors on the bus. The principal or designee administers consequences. This action may include any or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference with principal or designee• Contact with parents• Assigned seats• Loss of bus privileges for up to five days• Suspension from school for up to five days
LEVEL 3	
Misbehaviors Behavior that endangers the safety of the driver or students and which impairs the driver's ability to drive safely. Some examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repeated occurrences of Level 1 or 2 behaviors• Refusal to remain in seat• Throwing objects, spitting, or spit balls• Distracting the driver• Refusal to obey driver• Fighting, including pushing and/or wrestling• Lighting matches/lighters• Possession of knives or other dangerous objects• Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances	Consequences The bus driver reports misbehaviors on the bus. The principal or designee administers consequences. This action may include any or all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Loss of bus privileges for six to ten days• Suspension from school for six to ten days• Repeated occurrences of Level 2 behaviors may result in a child being permanently suspended from the bus privileges.• Illegal activity will be referred to the Shrewsbury Police Department.

Procedures for reporting passenger misconduct

1. The bus driver will report misconduct occurring on the school bus to the appropriate personnel.
2. A School Bus Conduct Report will be completed and submitted to the bus company operations manager, who will then forward it to the appropriate school principal for action.
3. The principal or designee and the bus company will retain copies of the signed report. In some cases, students may report passenger misconduct. If so, the student should report the misconduct to her or his teacher.