Coeur d’Alene School District No. 271

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS 8140F

STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In a continuing effort to provide the safest ride possible for your children, we have enclosed a copy of the safety rules that students must follow when riding the school bus. Would you please go over these rules with your children? To the school bus driver, any distraction is a safety hazard. With this in mind, we have developed an assertive discipline program for the students that ride the school buses in the Coeur d’Alene School District. The following steps will be followed to maintain a safe environment on the buses.

1st Infraction
Driver gives student a slip (warning only). Student must take slip home to parent/guardian. Student MUST have the slip signed by parent/guardian and return to the driver before the students’ bus riding privileges are re-instated. Student WILL NOT be allowed to ride the bus without the signed return slip.

2nd Infraction
Driver gives student slip to take to parent/guardian. Slip will also be mailed to parent/guardian and principal. Student is denied bus privileges until the student, parent/guardian, student transportation director, bus driver, and principal have a conference. Amount of time off bus will be decided at that time.

3rd Infraction
Driver gives student slip. Slip will also be mailed to parent/guardian and principal. Student is denied bus privileges for 10 days. A conference MUST be held with the Parent/guardian, student, transportation director, bus driver, and principal before students’ bus riding privileges are re-instated at the end of the 10 days.

4th Infraction
Student will be denied bus privileges for the remainder of the school year. Driver will give student slip. Slip will be mailed to parent/guardian and principal. Parent/guardian may petition the Board of Trustees for reinstatement of bus privileges.

Severe Infraction
Student may be denied bus privileges WITHOUT PRIOR WARNINGS until a conference is held with the director, principal, driver, parent, and student. The amount of time the students’ bus riding privileges remain denied will be determined at the conference. Slip will be mailed to parent/guardian.
A severe infraction includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Fighting
2. Physical harm, threat of physical harm (verbal or written), or verbal abuse to bus driver
3. Physical harm or threat of physical harm to another student
4. Destruction of property
5. Substantial disruption on the bus that distracts or affects the driver

When a student has lost their bus riding privileges, they may not ride any Coeur d'Alene School District school bus. This includes busing for activities and field trips.

If a student has an IEP or 504 that includes bus transportation, transportation-related discipline of the student shall be addressed as described in Policy 8140.

This discipline plan is to help insure that your children have the safest ride possible to and from school. We would appreciate any support you can give in helping your children understand the importance of following the safety rules on the bus.

Sincerely, Transportation Director