

## **POLICY EEACC – STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

**Bus drivers are an important part of Peace Wapiti Public School Division’s staff. They are responsible for the safety and conduct of the students while they are on the bus. Students riding on a bus are expected to give the bus driver respect, consideration and cooperation, and always and immediately carry out his/her reasonable instructions.**

### **PURPOSE:**

To establish behavioural expectations with appropriate and consistent consequences that promote safety, self-respect, respect for others and property.

### **GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES**

1. If a student chooses to break a rule, the following processes may be applied:
  - i) Student warned by driver.
  - ii) Student assigned designated seat, parents called.
  - iii) School Administrator, Director of Transportation, parent, student, driver conference.
  - iv) Suspension of bus privileges for designated period of time; parents notified and made responsible for transportation. Suspensions apply to all aspects of Peace Wapiti’s Transportation Department, including school charters such as field trips and extracurricular trips.
    - a) If in the opinion of the driver the student’s behaviour is sufficiently negative to warrant, the driver may step outside of this process and refer the student to the School Administrator for appropriate disciplinary action as outlined in *Policy IFC- Student Conduct*.
    - b) For minor incidents of a continuing nature bus drivers are encouraged to contact the parents prior to referring to the School Administrator.

The following procedures shall be carried out when it becomes desirable or necessary to suspend a student from riding a school bus.

2. Decisions to expel a student from riding a school bus shall be made by the Division in accordance with Policy IGD – Student Suspension/Expulsion.
3. Prior to the next pickup time the parents of the student must be personally informed by the School Administrator (or designate) of the suspension and the reasons for the suspension.

4. Under extreme circumstances, the Director of Transportation (or designate) may inform the parent that the student will be denied transportation prior to the School Administrator having been informed.
5. Re-instatement on the school bus may take place through:
  - a) a meeting and/or communication with the parent(s), student, School Administrator, Director of Transportation and bus driver to resolve the situation, provided the suspension is for five days or less; or
  - b) a meeting with the Superintendent for problem resolution.
6. In the interest of safety, students are prohibited from taking large and cumbersome objects on the school bus.

## **REFERENCES**

**Cross References:** links to  
*Policy IFC – Student Conduct*  
*School Bus Safety Guidelines*

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