

Student Progressive Corrective Action

The director of transportation is responsible for correcting students whose abusive behavior results in a bus incident report or violates the rules in policy and procedure 6605.

Students provided with transportation are responsible for complying with the district's rules of conduct for students riding buses. Failure to adhere to these rules, or abusive behavior towards the public, the driver, fellow passengers, or the vehicle, constitutes justification for initiating progressive corrective action against a student, which may include suspension or termination of the transportation privilege. When a student's conduct constitutes an infraction of the rules, the driver or bus supervisor shall complete a report on the student, describing the incident or damage that occurred. The driver shall provide the original report to the director of transportation.

The director of transportation, upon receiving the report, shall investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and take action according to this policy. When investigating the incident, the primary concern must be with respect to the safe transport of students. Corrective action, if necessary, should be consistently applied by the director of transportation with regard to the bus riding privilege throughout the district as follows:

1. **Warnings** may be given when a student's misconduct is of a minor nature and does not jeopardize the safety or welfare of other students or the operation of the bus.
2. **Suspension** of the transportation privilege may be imposed when a student's misconduct is deemed to jeopardize the safety of bus passengers and operation, and/or when repeated warning notices fail to correct undesirable behavior, and/or when a student damages the bus.
3. **Termination** applies when a student's misconduct is of such a nature that the safety of the bus operation and/or of the occupants was willfully or seriously threatened, such as a student's assaulting the driver.

Students who violate district policy while riding buses will be referred to their school principal for such discipline action as may be warranted under policy and procedure 3200 and 3200P. A student may appeal any discipline action taken pursuant to this policy as provided in policy and procedure 6606 and 6606P.

Drivers shall be advised to file assault and battery charges against students who physically assault them. Under no circumstances shall the driver retaliate in kind and physically assault the student, as this conduct may subject him/her to legal action. This shall not be construed as preventing a driver from acting in self-defense or to protect others from being injured.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate procedures to implement this policy.

Cross References:

(cf.: 3200 – Student Rules, Regulations and Conduct)

(cf.: 6605 – Student Rules of Conduct on Buses)

Legal References:

RCW 28A.400.110 Principal to assure appropriate student discipline

RCW 28A.600.020 Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for

RCW 28A.600.040 Pupils to comply with rules and regulations

WAC 180-40-225 School district's rules for defining misconduct

WAC 392-145-035 Rules for students riding school buses

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