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<p><b>Statement</b></p>	<p>Students who are eligible to travel to school on a school bus may continue to do so as long as they abide by (032) Code of Conduct for Bussed Students whereby they demonstrate and maintain appropriate and safe behaviour aboard the vehicle. Students who do not behave in an appropriate and safe manner may be suspended and may lose their school bus transportation privileges altogether. As the school bus is an extension of the classroom, suspensions and/ or expulsions can, at the Principal's or designate's discretion, involve only the school bus or school bus and classroom.</p> <p>At their discretion, the school principal, in consultation with the Manager of Transportation Services, can revoke a student's transportation privileges for their conduct on a school bus.</p>
<p><b>Level 1</b></p>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spitting.</li> <li>2. Making excessive noise.</li> <li>3. Engaging in horseplay.</li> <li>4. Eating or drinking on the bus.</li> <li>5. Leaving his/her seat and standing up when the bus is moving.</li> <li>6. Using water guns and laser pointers.</li> <li>7. Swearing or using foul language; making obscene gestures or being in possession of inappropriate material.</li> <li>8. Blocking the main aisle on the bus.</li> <li>9. Boarding another bus without permission or boarding his/her own bus at a different stop.</li> <li>10. Being disrespectful towards others.</li> <li>11. Disobeying the bus driver, aide, or monitor.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Level 1... continued</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. Committing other offences that could endanger safety on the school bus and for which the bus driver or school principal has already issued a warning.</li> <li>13. Committing any offence aboard a bus that is not used for the student's regular school transportation (activities, field trips, shuttle buses, etc.).</li> <li>14. Sticking his/her hand out of the bus window.</li> <li>15. Handling equipment aboard the bus, such as the emergency door handle at the back of the bus, etc.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Level 2</b></p>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sticking his/her head or another body part outside the bus.</li> <li>2. Throwing objects inside or from the bus.</li> <li>3. Being rude to a person in a position of authority (bus driver, monitor).</li> <li>4. Threatening to inflict serious bodily harm on someone.</li> <li>5. Hanging onto or trying to hang onto an external part of the bus.</li> <li>6. Using matches or lighters, or lighting fireworks or a flammable object or substance.</li> <li>7. Boarding or getting off the bus through the emergency door, without permission.</li> <li>8. Constantly defying the person in authority.</li> <li>9. Committing other offences that could endanger safety on the school bus and for which the bus driver or school principal has already issued a warning.</li> <li>10. Committing any offence aboard a bus that is not used for the student's regular school transportation (activities,</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Level 3</b></p>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being in possession of alcohol or illicit drugs.</li> <li>2. Committing assaults (using physical force against someone).</li> <li>3. Being under the influence of alcohol.</li> <li>4. Committing an act of vandalism causing serious damage to school property, either at school or on the bus (taking into account that time spent travelling by school bus is an extension of the school day) – the police may also be involved – compensation must be made before school bus transportation privileges can be restored.</li> <li>5. Committing another act punishable by compulsory suspension in accordance with a School Board policy.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Level 4</b></p>	<p><b>Offences:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being in possession of a weapon.</li> <li>2. Using a weapon to inflict bodily harm on someone or threatening to do so.</li> <li>3. Committing a physical assault causing bodily harm requiring care by a health professional.</li> <li>4. Committing a sexual assault.</li> <li>5. Trafficking weapons or illicit drugs.</li> <li>6. Committing robbery.</li> <li>7. Committing another act punishable by compulsory expulsion in accordance with a School Board policy.</li> </ol>

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	<p><b>Consequences may include the following:</b></p> <p>First offence - Warning or exclusion for 1-5 days.</p> <p>Second offence - Exclusion for 5-10 days.</p> <p>Third offence - Exclusion for 10 days. - Possibility of losing his/her school bus transportation privileges. and - Meeting of parents with school principal.</p> <p>Fourth offence - Loss of school bus transportation privileges for an undetermined period of time/possible expulsion from school.</p> <p>The escalation of each level carries with it a greater safety and/or security risk for students on board the bus. The discipline steps as outlined above are only a guideline with consequences varying depending on the nature of the offence.</p> <p>As stated in the Ontario Schools Code of Conduct, the time spent travelling by school bus is an extension of the school day. Therefore, the principal is responsible for any disciplinary action required to correct the negative action(s) of a student(s).</p>
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