

**Student Conduct on Buses**  
(District Bus Rules and Policy)

Transportation to school is furnished for eligible students at the expense of ALL the taxpayers in the district and it is expected that the privilege will be appreciated by those who benefit from it.

Each school district has the responsibility to formulate procedures for the conduct of the students as bus passengers. The procedures shall include, but not be limited to, the rules set down by the State of Colorado.

The procedures of Telluride R-1 School District include the following:

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. Students will comply cheerfully and promptly with his requests.
2. Students will not tamper with the door controls or safety equipment.
3. Students will practice general classroom conduct while riding the bus.
4. Students will not litter the bus.
5. Students will not operate the windows unless directed to do so by the driver.
6. If windows are open, students will not throw objects or extend any part of their bodies outside the bus.
7. Students will not reserve seats.
8. Students will remain seated while the bus is in motion and will not stand to disembark until the bus is fully stopped.
9. Students will not exit from the emergency door unless directed to do so by the driver.
10. Students must be on time. The bus will not wait for those who are late.
11. The bus driver may assign seats.
12. Absolutely no gum chewing.
13. For your own safety, do not distract the driver through misbehavior.
14. Continued or willful violation of any rule will result in suspension of riding privileges.

Disciplinary measures:

All misdemeanors will be reported to the principal by the supervision of transportation.

After the student, principal, and the driver have discussed the situation, the student will telephone the parent(s) to inform them of the details of the situation.

Three misdemeanors will be followed by a suspension. The number of suspended days will depend on the severity of the offense. Parents will be involved in the suspension process and will be kept informed at all times. Students suspended from the bus will be expected to attend school via parent's transportation.

If a student is misbehaving on the bus, thus endangering other students, this student will be referred to their building principal and will be subject to the following consequences:

- First Offense: Warning, parent notified, may have up to one week suspension from riding bus
- Second Offense: parent conference, one week suspension from riding the bus
- Third offense: Suspension from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year

Parents of students will be contacted by the building principal prior to suspension of bus privileges.

Current practice codified 1996  
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