



**Let's S.O.A.R. (Safely, Orderly and Respectfully) on the school bus!**

To protect the safety (physical and emotional) of each individual student on the bus and to develop bus-riding behaviors that will be relevant and meaningful when the student is out in the community, student behaviors are expected to be **safe, orderly and respectful**. If they are not, the following matrices will be followed:

**Level 1 Infractions to SOAR Guidelines:**  
(These infractions are handled by the bus driver.)

- \*Eating, drinking, chewing gum on the bus
- \*Not in assigned seat
- \*Out of seat without permission while bus in motion or sitting improperly
- \*Bring unauthorized items on the bus (i.e. – skateboards, balloons, glass containers, pets)
- \*Consistently showing disrespect to fellow students

| Level 1 Discipline Matrix |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| First Incident            | Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats |
| Second Incident           | Move Seats                       |
| Third Incident            | Becomes a Level 2 Infraction     |

**Level 2 Infractions to SOAR Guidelines:**  
(These infractions are handled by school administration.)

- \*Blatant defiance of authority, disobeying or showing disrespect to school employee
- \*Possessing or use of matches, lighter or fireworks, including stink bombs
- \*Intimidating or threatening students with violence
- \*Use of profane, obscene, or abusive language or gestures
- \*Having an imitation or toy weapon
- \*Lewd or lascivious behavior, literature, website, or object
- \*Destroying, defacing or damaging school property
- \*Playing with or using emergency exits
- \*Throwing or propelling objects or spitting
- \*Putting any part of the body outside the bus window while moving

| Level 2 Discipline Matrix |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| First Incident            | 3-Day Bus Suspension                                |
| Second Incident           | 5-Day Bus Suspension                                |
| Third Incident            | 10-Day Bus Suspension                               |
| Fourth Incident           | Loss of Bus Privileges for remainder of school year |

**Level 3 Infractions to SOAR Guidelines:**  
(These very serious infractions are handled by school administration.)

- \*Hitting or striking another student or school employee
- \*Threatening a student or school employee with bodily harm
- \*Displaying or use of weapons, dangerous objects, mace or pepper spray
- \*Fighting or any careless or malicious action which results in the injury of a person or to property
- \*Possessing, selling, or attempting to sell alcohol, drugs, or drug related items

| Level 3 Discipline Matrix |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| First Incident            | Loss of Bus Privileges |

\*\*\*Administrators have the right to deviate from this matrix for extenuating circumstances.\*\*\*