

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

(These misbehaviors are handled by the bus driver.)

- *Eating, drinking, chewing gum on the bus
- *Not sitting in assigned seat
- *Out of seat without permission while bus in motion or sitting improperly
- *Yelling and screaming
- *Consistently showing disrespect to fellow students and/or school employee
- *Single use of profane, obscene, or abusive language or gestures
- *Throwing or propelling objects or spitting
- *Play hitting/rough housing (distracting driver)
- *Failure to listen and follow instructions and/or obey bus conduct guidelines

Level 1 Discipline Matrix	
First Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats
Second Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats
Third Incident	Verbal Warning and/or Move Seats/Parent Phone Call
Fourth Incident	Office Referral (Level 2 Infraction)

Level 2

(These misbehaviors are handled by school administration.)

- *Repeated failure to listen, follow instructions and/or obey bus conduct guidelines
- *Fourth incident as noted above
- *Blatant defiance of authority, disobeying or showing disrespect to school employee
- *Intimidating or threatening students with violence
- *Repeated or blatant use of profane, obscene, or abusive language or gestures
- *Having an imitation or toy weapon
- *Destroying, defacing or damaging school property
- *Playing with or using emergency exits
- *Throwing or propelling objects or spitting leading to or possibly leading to a harmful or dangerous situation to person or property.
- *Putting any part of the body outside the bus window while moving

Level 2 Discipline Matrix	
First Incident	1 to 3-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Second Incident	2 to 5-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Third Incident	5 to 10-Day Bus Suspension/Parent Conference
Fourth Incident	Loss of Bus Privileges/Parent Conference

Level 3

(These very serious matters are handled by school administration.)

- *Hitting or striking another student (causing injury) or school employee
- *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

Level 3 Discipline Matrix	
First Incident	Loss of Bus Privileges/Parent Conference

Administrators reserve the right to deviate from this matrix for extenuating circumstances.