

Pine Tree I.S.D. Code of Conduct for Riding School Buses

Minor Safety or Conduct Violations

1. Refusing to sit properly or safely in assigned seat.
2. Moving from seat while bus is in motion.
3. Blocking the aisle in any manner.
4. Eating, drinking, or chewing gum on the bus.
5. Deliberately littering the bus.
6. Acting in a manner that distracts the driver while the bus is in motion.
7. Writing on or damaging any part of the school bus. (Student will be suspended until damages have been paid.)
8. Entering and/or exiting the bus in an unsafe manner.
9. Throwing, pitching, or shooting articles within the bus.(without any injury).
10. Extending any part of the body, clothing or other articles out of the window while the bus is in motion.
11. Using profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students.
12. Harassing, threatening or physically scuffling with another student (with no injury).
13. Infractions as determined by campus administrators.

Consequences for Minor Violations

- 1st Offense-Conference with school official and copy of report mailed to parent/guardian.*
- 2nd Offense-Corporal Punishment by a campus administrator or suspension of bus riding privileges for 1 to 3 days and copy of report mailed to parent/guardian.*
- 3rd Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for 3 days and a copy mailed to parent/guardian.*
- 4th Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation 5 to 10 days and a copy mailed to parent/guardian.*
- Additional Offenses-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for at least 10 days and possibly through the remainder of the semester.

* **Provided that no other major violation has been reported.**

Seating Assignments

- Students cannot stand in the aisle while the bus is in motion. For certain situations, seating may be assigned to accommodate:
 - A. not more than 4 students per bench

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Major Safety Violations or Misconduct

1. Consuming tobacco in any form.
2. Acting and/or speaking disrespectfully toward the driver or profanity directed at any school employee.
3. Insubordination
4. Throwing, pitching, or shooting articles which either remain within the bus but causes an injury or which goes out any window while the bus is in motion.
5. Other.

Consequences for Major Violations or Misconduct

- 1st Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for 3 days and copy of report mailed to parent and/or guardian.
- 2nd Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for 5 to 10 days, and copy of report mailed to parent and/or guardian.
- 3rd Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for at least 10 days or possibly through the remainder of the semester.
- 4th Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for the remainder of the semester or through the remainder of the school year.

Severe Conduct Violations

1. Fighting with another student (or scuffling which results in any type of injury).
2. Possessing weapons, unsheathed pointed articles, or knives.
3. Striking matches or producing fire in any form.
4. Sexual Misconduct
5. Tampering with any emergency exit.
6. Other

Severe Clause

Any infraction (even on the 1st occurrence) that is deemed to be severe by the school officials.

Consequences for Severe Misconduct

- 1st Offense-Minimum 10 day suspension from all PTISD transportation.
- 2nd Offense-Suspension from all PTISD transportation for the remainder of the school year. Minimum 90-day suspension, which could carry over into the next school year.
- NOTE: Misconduct of a severe nature may also result in suspension or expulsion from school. The Transportation Director or School Administrator may invoke an immediate suspension of PTISD bus riding privileges at any time due to a severe situation. A reasonable effort will be made to notify the parent and/or guardian prior to any temporary suspension of riding privileges.