



# **Bus Rider Expectations**

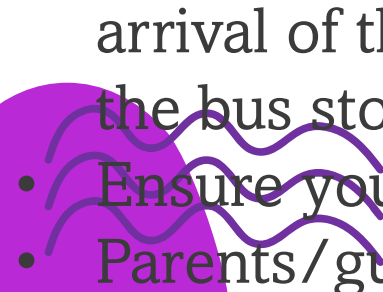
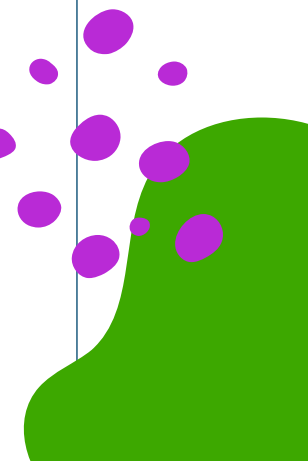
## **2024-2025**



## BCPS Policy 3410

- The Office of Transportation is responsible for establishing transportation boundaries for all schools. School bus transportation is provided for students who reside within the transportation boundary of their home school.
- Transportation services are provided to students as a convenience; **there is no obligation to transport students to and from school.**

## How can parents help?

- Teach your student that riding the school bus is a privilege
  - Ensure your student is at the bus stop 5-10 minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus. If you have a younger child, walk with them to and from the bus stop
  - Ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather
  - Parents/guardians are responsible for the supervision of their children
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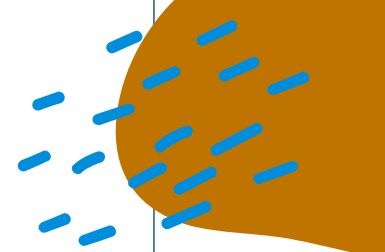
## BCPS Discipline Procedures and Consequences

- Student bus riders are expected to act responsibly and respectfully at all times (entering bus, riding bus, and leaving the bus).
- The primary purpose of rules and procedures on buses are the safety of all passengers- students and staff.

Level 1	
Infraction	Consequences
Infractions that interfere with the orderly transportation of students. Some examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Screaming</li><li>• Failure to stay seated</li><li>• Littering on the bus</li><li>• Tampering with the possessions of other passengers</li></ul>	The bus driver reports infractions on the bus. The school administrator administers consequences. This action may include any or <u>all</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal warning <b>and referral issued</b></li><li>• Contact with parent</li><li>• Assigned seat at the discretion of driver</li></ul>

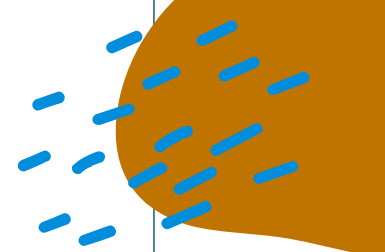
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More severe infractions that interfere with the safe transportation of students. Some examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repeated occurrences of Level 1 behaviors</li><li>• Bullying other passengers, including verbal abuse</li><li>• Profanity towards staff</li><li>• Damage to the bus interior/exterior</li></ul>	The bus driver reports infractions on the bus. The school administrator administers consequences. This action may include any or <u>all</u> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Referral issued</b></li><li>• Contact with parent</li><li>• Assigned seat at the discretion of driver</li><li>• <b>Loss of bus privileges for up to 5 days</b> and cost of repairs</li></ul>



Level 3	
Infraction	Consequences
<p>Actions that endanger the safety of the driver or students and which impairs the driver's ability to drive safely. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeated occurrences of Level 1 or 2 behaviors</li> <li>• Refusal to remain in seats</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct</li> <li>• Throwing objects</li> <li>• Refusal to follow staff directions for safety</li> </ul>	<p>The bus driver reports infractions on the bus. The school administrator administers consequences. At more serious levels, the Director of Transportation may be involved. This action may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Referral issued</b></li> <li>• Contact with parent</li> <li>• <b>Loss of bus privileges for 6 to 9 days</b></li> <li>• Repeated incidents of Level 2 behavior may result in removal from transportation for the remainder of the school year</li> </ul>

Level 4	
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<p>Infractions that endanger the safety of the driver or students and may require local police to intervene. Some examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fighting, including pushing and/or wrestling</li> <li>• Sexual misconduct</li> <li>• Possession of dangerous objects or weapons</li> <li>• Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or controlled substances</li> <li>• Opening emergency exits and/or exiting the bus without authorization</li> </ul>	<p>The bus driver reports infraction on the bus. The school administrator administers consequences. At more serious levels, the Director of Transportation may be involved. This action may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Referral issued</b></li> <li>• Contact with parent</li> <li>• <b>Loss of bus privileges for 10 days</b></li> <li>• Repeated incidents may result in removal from transportation for the remainder of the school year</li> <li>• Illegal activity will be referred to Baltimore County Police Department</li> <li>• Suspension from school and/or extended suspension</li> </ul>





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**Consequences for repeat infractions related to transportation include, but are not limited to:**

1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense
<b>Parent notification required</b> <b>Appropriate Action required</b> Student Conference Seat change on bus Bus or School Suspension commensurate with offense Code of Student Conduct implemented as appropriate	<b>Bus Suspension</b> ( <u>up</u> to 5 days)	<b>Bus Suspension</b> (6 to 9 days)	<b>Bus Suspension</b> ( <u>remainder</u> of the school year)
	<b>Appropriate Action Required</b> Additional Bus or School Suspension commensurate with offense Implement Code of Student Conduct as Appropriate For students with disabilities, bus suspension is counted as a suspension from school if transportation is included as a related service on the IEP/504 Plan		

All of this information and more is available in the Parent and Student Guide to Transportation  
 You can access the complete guide on the BCPS transportation page

# BCPS Transportation Points of Contact

**Main Website Page:**

[bcps.org/operations/transportation](https://bcps.org/operations/transportation)

## TRANSPORTATION QUICK LINKS



Opening and Closing  
Bell Times



Daily Bus Status



Parent and Student  
Guide to  
Transportation



Job Opportunities



Bus Stop Request Form



Frequently Asked  
Questions (FAQs)

**Phone Number:** 443-809-4321

**Email:**

[Transportation\\_Contact\\_Us@bcps.org](mailto:Transportation_Contact_Us@bcps.org)

**Daily Bus Status:**

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