



## Bus Student Code of Conduct

*The school bus serves as an extension of the school. Any student who rides the school bus (i.e., First Student/MATA) for the privilege of being transported to and from school, may be suspended from the school bus by an Assistant Principal, Vice Principal or Principal. Any student riding the bus must remain in compliance with the Shelby County Schools Student Code of Conduct (Policy 6050 & Policy 6022).*

### **Policy 6022: F. Suspension from the School/MATA Bus**

**Please note the following:**

- Decisions involving temporary/ permanent removal from school bus or MATA bus ridership will be made by the principal.
- In such cases, the student would have to find another means of transportation to school.
- Truancy laws would still be in effect.
- **Additional disciplinary actions may also apply when bus-related misconduct involves a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.**

Violations that occur on the bus may also result in parent/administrative conferences, detentions, and suspensions from the school environment. In such cases, this may also result in suspension from the bus for violations that affect the transportation process. Penalties and consequences are determined by the categories below.

| <b>Category</b> | <b>Violation</b>  | <b>Penalty</b>  |
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| <b>A</b>        | Aggravated assault (staff/personnel), possession of illegal substance, possession of a firearm  | Expulsion/Suspension for 180 days (notification to law enforcement)   |
| <b>B</b>        | Possession of knife, arriving under the influence (without possession), off campus criminal behavior resulting in felony and nexus to the school, severe gang activity, drug paraphernalia, counterfeit money, assault upon staff and continuous Category (C) offenses  | Out-of School Suspension or Expulsion (11-180 day)  |
| <b>C</b>        | Threatening bodily harm, false accusations against school personnel, making a threat, smoking/possession of tobacco, gang activities (not in B), fighting, vandalism, immoral/disreputable and continuous/severe Category (D)   | In-School Suspension or Out-of School Suspension  |
| <b>D</b>        | Defiance, profane/rude language, threats to students, fighting, possession of mace, inappropriate use of electronic media, harassment, bullying, refusal to produce objects during metal detectors, inciting, advising or counseling others to engage in violations, and continuous severe category (E) offenses. | Parent-Principal Conference; or Before/After School Detention/Saturday School; or In-School Suspension; or Out-of-School Suspension |
| <b>E</b>        | Tardiness, class cutting, intentional disturbances, leaving school grounds, being in unauthorized areas, cheating, possession of lighters/matches, possession of electronic devices, inciting advising or counseling others to engage in category (D) offenses, dress code violations                             | Parent-Principal Conference; or Before/After School Detention/Saturday School; or In-School Suspension                              |

**Note:** The district shall comply with applicable state and/or federal laws/regulations regarding the suspension of a student receiving special education services from school/MATA bus transportation.