

HANCOCK PLACE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CODE

A student's school day begins with the time they exit their home and ends when they return home. This is considered school time and school rules and consequences apply. The Hancock Place School District provides students with safe and convenient bus service. In order to keep the ride to and from school safe for everyone, students must behave in a responsible and respectful manner. Following the rules below will help to keep our buses safe and comfortable for everyone. Remember, **it is a privilege, not a right to ride a school bus**. Anyone who is not following the safety code endangers his or herself and the others on the bus and *can lose the privilege* of riding the bus.

EXPECTED BUS BEHAVIOR

LEVEL I BEHAVIORS

- Be seated when the bus is moving
- Do not exit the bus once you have boarded
- Always share seats with others
- Speak quietly at all times
- Do not speak in a way that teases, hurts, offends or harasses others
- Keep the bus clean
- Do not eat or drink on the bus without the permission of the driver
- Follow the bus driver's directions as soon as they are issued without any instances of insubordination
- Keep hands, head and feet inside the bus
- Boarding and exiting the bus at unauthorized stops without prior approval

CONSEQUENCES of LEVEL I misbehavior (Repeated offenses of Level I behaviors will be handed down Level II consequences)

Parental notification and one or more of the following:

- Warning
- Assigned seat
- One to three day after school detention

LEVEL II BEHAVIORS

- Keep hands, head and feet inside the bus
- Do not throw any object on the bus or out of the bus
- Do nothing to threaten the safety of others on or off the bus
- Do not vandalize the bus or anyone's personal property
- Do not hit, punch, kick, or physically assault another student
- Do not act in a disrespectful or defiant manner toward the bus driver
- Do not use sexually explicit, inappropriate, or derogatory language or obscene gestures

CONSEQUENCES of LEVEL II misbehavior or CONTINUED LEVEL I misbehaviors:

Parental notification and one or more of the following:

- Multiple days of after school detention
- One to five day bus suspension
- One to five day school suspension
- One to five days of ALC (in school suspension)
- Behavior Contract

LEVEL III BEHAVIORS

Possession or use of the following:

- Weapons
- Matches or lighter
- Controlled substance including drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Threaten or strike the bus driver

CONSEQUENCES of LEVEL III misbehavior or CONTINUED LEVEL II misbehaviors

Parental notification and one or more of the following:

- One to ten day or longer bus suspension
- One to ten day school suspension
- Expulsion hearing in front of the school board
- Contact with police/school SRO
- Loss of bus privileges/service
- Referral to superintendent

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NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENT

(Please return this page to your child's teacher.)

I have received and reviewed a copy of the Hancock Place School Bus Safety Code and am aware of the expected bus behaviors and consequences.

Student Signature_____

Parent/Guardian Signature/s_____

Date_____

If you have any questions or comments regarding our school buses please call:

Hancock High School – 544-1200

Hancock Middle School – 544-6423

Hancock Elementary School – 544-1300