

# BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES AND CONSEQUENCES

(6TH -12TH Grades)

Niles Community  
School & First

## Class I Offenses

1. Disobedient to the driver/monitor.
2. Excessive noise/horseplay/mischief/ and any other distracting behavior.
3. Eating/drinking/littering on the bus.
4. Leaving your seat for any reason: standing/turning around, "moving around" while the bus is in motion. Your seat is your SAFETY ZONE.
5. CD players, Ipod-i-pads, cell phones, video games or other electronic devices opposing a distraction must be stored appropriately.
6. Use of liquid containers in any form, excluding lunch box items.
7. Riding an unassigned bus, or using an unassigned bus stop, or attempting to ride any bus during a suspension.
8. Live animals.
9. Yelling- hanging out the window. Keep all body parts and objects inside the bus. (Hands, arms, feet, head).
10. Throwing or shooting objects inside the bus. Possession or use of laser pens or pointers.
11. Sports equipment: bats, basketballs/ golf clubs.
12. Other offenses as reported by the bus driver.

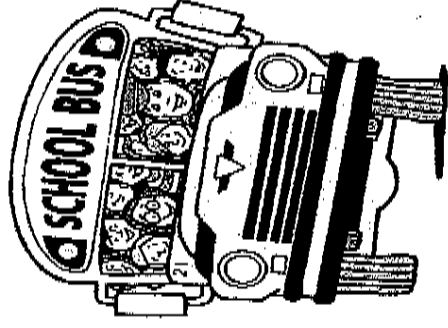
## Class II Offenses

1. Spitting.
2. Bullying – against others. Physical aggression.
3. Unauthorized -entering or leaving the bus.
4. Swearing, profanity, verbal abuse, harassment, obscene gestures or comments.
5. Vandalism to the bus. Writing on seats, cuts, tears, and punctures or ripping.
6. Tampering with emergency equipment/ doors/ windows/ matches.



### NO TOLERANCE OFFENSES

1. Possession or threat of weapons/explosives/flammable; lighter/ matches other substances.
2. Explicit sexual behavior/hand holding/cuddling/hugging/kissing in any way.
3. Threats directed toward bus driver/verbal abuse, or gestures.
4. Possession or use of Tobacco or any other controlled substances.
5. Physical Fighting.



## CONSEQUENCES

	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense	4 <sup>th</sup> Offense
Class I	Written Warning PS	1-5 Days Suspension PS/ PPC	10 Day Suspension Parent/ Principal/ Director Meeting	Suspension -to be determined by the Transportation Director
Class II	5-10 day Suspension Parent/Principal/ Director/Meeting PC	Loss of bus Privileges Up to but not limited to 1 year -to be determined by the Transportation Director		



NO TOLERANCE - MEANS NO TRANSPORTATION PRINCIPAL/PARENT/DIRECTOR MEETING

# Discipline Policy

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Adopted

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## Dear Parents/Guardians:

The following rules and regulations were written by Niles Community Schools and First Student Transportation. It is hoped that these guidelines will help us to provide safe transportation to and from school for all eligible students. Students should be at the bus stop 8 minutes prior to the scheduled time. Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right.

## BUS DISCIPLINE POLICY

Students who have the opportunity to ride the community's school buses may do so as long as they display behavior that is reasonable and safe. Choosing to engage in unacceptable behavior will result in loss of bus service. The bus driver is responsible for the safety and discipline of students on the bus. The transportation director is available to give assistance to the driver for the offending student(s) should a suspension become necessary. A suspension applies to all buses unless otherwise stated by

the transportation director. The responsibility for the student shall begin when the students are boarding the bus (including at the bus stop) and who are retained until the child has left the bus. (Including departure from the bus).

## TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL RELATED/ NON-RELATED ITEMS

Under the Laws and Rules for the Operation of School Buses in the State of Michigan, it is stated: "... no materials, including: guns, loaded or unloaded; gasoline cans, empty or full; animals or any other object of a dangerous or objectionable nature are transported in The school bus where children are being transported."

The use of iPods, notebooks, cell phones, or any other electrical device opposing a distraction to the driver. MUST be properly stored.

Band instruments that will be allowed on the bus are those that are small enough to be held on the student's lap. Instruments may not be in the aisle or take the space of a student. Bats, Golf Clubs Basketballs, or any other unacceptable recreational equipment will not be allowed on regular buses.

## ASSIGNED BUSES ONLY

Students are assigned to buses and bus stops. No change in either bus or stop is permitted without transportation authorization. If you are being transported from one to school to another, a shuttle bus will be assigned to you. Including: High School, Ring Lardner and Oak Manor.

Failure to ride the assigned bus may jeopardize the safety of students and may result in disciplinary actions.

## CLASS I OFFENSES (Pre-K-5th Grades) BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES AND CONSEQUENCES

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12. Other offenses as reported by the bus driver.

5. Vandalism to the bus. Writing on seats, cuts, tears, and punctures or ripping.
6. Tampering with emergency equipment/ doors/ windows/ hatches.
7. Any other offenses reported by the driver.

## CONSEQUENCES

	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense	4th Offense	5th Offense
<b>Class I</b>	Write-up Sentences Rules sent home PS	Write-up Sentences PS / PPC	Write-up 1-5 Days Suspension PS / PC	5-10 day Suspension Parent/Principal/ Director Meeting	Loss of bus Privileges Up to but not limited to 1 year. -To be determined by the Transportation Director
<b>Class II</b>	1-10 day Suspension Parent/Principal/ Director/Meeting PC	Loss of bus Privileges Up to but not limited to 1 year -to be determined by the Transportation Director			

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