

SCSD Transportation:



A privilege of ridership!

The goal of the SCSD Student Transportation Program is to provide each student with safe and enjoyable transportation to and from school.

Safety is the priority; therefore, proper conduct on school buses by all transported students is required.

Transportation is a privilege granted to students contingent upon the exhibition of proper behavior, therefore, the SCSD has established transportation student behavior guidelines which apply to all students. Each student and their parent/guardian is responsible for the behavior of the student while on school provided transportation.

A student's privilege to ride the school bus or in school provided transportation may be suspended or revoked. Revocation of a student's bus riding privilege is not considered an exclusion, expulsion, or suspension from school. The district does not provide alternative transportation for a student that has lost his/her riding privilege. Decisions regarding special education students will take into account their IEP needs/requirements.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents are responsible for their children until they get on the bus in the morning and off the bus in the afternoon. The SCSD cannot be responsible for behavior that occurs at the "bus stop." Parents are encouraged to monitor their child's behavior before and after the bus' arrival/departure.

To ensure the safety of all students, the following guidelines have been established to respond to student actions that interfere with the safety of other students on SCSD provided transportation.

LEVEL 1: Misbehavior Safety Concern

- Failure to follow driver's directions
- Standing, not facing forward, while bus is moving
- Boarding/exiting at other than assigned stop
- Excessive noise or misbehavior
- Horseplay
- Food or drink on bus
- Use of obscene or profane language or gestures
- Throwing or shooting objects
- Other forms of misbehavior that, in the view of the bus driver, create a safety concern.

Consequences:

First Offense: Written warning and up to 3 day bus suspension

Second Offense: Written warning and up to 5 day bus suspension

Third Offense: Considered Disruptive Behavior Second Offense

LEVEL 2: Disruptive Safety Concern

- Threatening/disrespecting district employees or students
- Possession or use of anything that may be considered a weapon
- Running beside a moving bus
- Distracting the driver
- Extending any body parts out of the window
- Vandalism of school or student property

Consequences:

First Offense: Written warning and up to five (5) day bus suspension

Second Offense: Written warning and up to thirty (30) day bus suspension

Third Offense: Considered Unacceptable Behavior – Move to Level III

LEVEL 3: Unacceptable Behavior

- Possession of a handgun, ammunition, knife, fire, or other weapon
- Possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Assault, violence toward bus driver or student(s)
- Flagrant disregard for safety

Consequences:

First Offense: Minimum thirty (30) day bus suspension, referral to school office for disciplinary action, and up to suspension of bus riding privilege for the remainder of the school year.

This information serves as notice to parents of the intent of the SCSD to respond to behaviors that create a safety concern on school provided transportation.

Parents are urged to review this information with their children, establish their own expectations for safe behavior while on school provided transportation, and ensure that students are aware of the SCSD expectations for student behavior as stated above.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN TRANSPORTATION

The SCSD Transportation Department requests that parents contact the Director of Transportation or school office when students need a temporary change in bus assignment.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in the SCSD's effort to provide safe and enjoyable transportation for all students! If you should have questions, please call:

Director of Transportation 624-3401 ext. 1344
or your school office

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**Safety is our First
Priority!**



Information provided in this brochure is also available in the SCSD student handbooks and on the SCSD website at www.solon.k12.ia.us

For other school related information, please contact your school building office or call 624-3401 ext. 1349

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**Student Safety,
Conduct, and
Discipline Guidelines**

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