

Dear Parents:

On Monday we opened CSW with a thank you breakfast for all of our bus drivers. They appreciate the support that we give to them through words of encouragement and the training that we give to our students regarding bus behavior. We have had a good year so far but there have been a few incidents that warrant a reminder to all about expected behavior. Please note the consequences regarding inappropriate bus behavior and consequences with each of your children. Even though the following is taken from our Edina policy, it is also directional for behavior on our Eden Prairie and Bloomington buses. Please take time this week to review the kind of behavior that we expect from each of our students.

### **Expected Behavior on our Buses**

#### **Riding on the Bus**

- Follow the driver's instructions**
- Remain in your seat until the bus arrives at your stop.**
- Speak in a quiet voice. Your voice should not be heard above others.**
- Keep hands, feet, and objects inside the bus.**
- Do not throw objects inside the bus or out the window.**
- Do not use profanity, including words or gestures.**
- Do not tease or harass others.**
- Do not spit.**
- Do not eat, drink, or chew gum.**
- Do not vandalize the bus.**

#### **Consequences for Students who choose not to behave**

- Students will be given an assertive warning.**
- Students will be assigned a practice seat.**

#### **Drivers will:**

- Write appropriate conduct reports. A copy of the conduct report will be given to the principal and student.**
- Mail a copy of the student's first conduct report home to the parent/guardian.**

**Consequences for students who choose not to behave are listed below in**

the order of severity.

**Grades K-12**

- **First Offense: Warning by bus driver or principal. School Bus Incident Report distributed, signed by parent, three copies returned to school.**
- **Second Offense: Consultation with involved parties. Rider may lose riding privileges for 3-5 days or until a satisfactory resolution can be achieved among parent/guardian, driver, rider and principal. School Bus Incident Report distributed, signed by parent, three copies returned to school.**
- **Third Offense: Consultation with involved parties. Rider may lose riding privileges for up to 10 days or until a satisfactory resolution can be achieved among parent/guardian, driver, rider and principal. School Bus Incident Report distributed, signed by parent, three copies returned to school.**
- **Fourth Offense: Loss of bus riding privileges for the balance of the school year. School Bus Incident Report distributed. Edina Public School District Office informed of discipline.**

**NOTE: Student endangering persons and/or property may lose bus riding privileges immediately and for an indefinite period of time. In addition, students may be administered consequences consistent with school discipline procedures.**

- Severe behavior moves immediately to step 2, 3, or 4 at the administrator's discretion, based on the severity of the action and/or previous bus violations.**
- Students not having lost their riding privileges for the remainder of the school year, but having received conduct slips, will be given a fresh start on February 1st.**

**Please discuss these regulations with your children. Failure to observe these regulations may mean loss of the privilege of riding the bus. If you encounter any bus problems, please call the Edina bus garage directly, 952-848-4979 or the school office, 952-929-5463.**