

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BUS STUDENTS

Catholic Independent Schools is committed to school transportation that respects three core values: SAFETY, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY.

1. Students must:
 - a) Follow the bus driver's direction the FIRST time they are given.
 - b) Keep their hands, feet and objects to themselves.
 - c) Stay in their seats unless directed to do otherwise.
 - d) Talk quietly, using only appropriate language.
 - e) Be at the bus stop five minutes before scheduled leave time.
 - f) Not bully or intimidate others.
2. Students traveling to school without pre-purchase of a valid pass must report to the office to pay for the pass on reaching school.
3. Students wanting to disembark at a stop other than their regular stop must inform the driver when they board the bus.

Student behavior that contravenes these values or whose actions distract the bus driver, cause or have the potential to cause harm or discomfort to themselves or others, is subject to disciplinary action, which includes the following, not necessarily in this order:

- a) An oral warning.
- b) A written warning notice to be issued and signed by parent or guardian and returned by student to the bus driver before use of the bus can resume.
- c) Suspension of bus privileges for two school days.
- d) Suspension of bus privileges for five school days.
- e) Travel suspended for an undetermined length of time or a ban (issued for repeated offences against the code of conduct, or for striking another person, fighting, vandalism, spitting, throwing objects out of bus windows, lighting matches or other flammable objects, inappropriate use of a laser pointer, inappropriate use of aerosol cans or pressurized containers, unauthorized use of emergency equipment, unauthorized exit through rear emergency door and other serious contraventions of the bus rules). When a student receives this type of suspension, the principal will contact the parents/guardians to arrange a meeting.