

Hanover School Division School Bus Discipline Policy

The Hanover School Division has adopted the following rules and regulations. It is hoped that these guidelines will help to provide safe transportation to and from school for students. Students should be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time. It is a privilege, not a right, for students to ride school buses in Hanover School Division.

I. Bus Discipline Policy

Students who have the opportunity to ride division school buses may do so as long as they display behaviour that is reasonable and safe. Choosing to follow unacceptable behaviour may result in loss of bus service. The bus driver is responsible for the safety and discipline of students on the bus. The building principal is available to give assistance to the driver and will determine consequences of misbehaviour and the reinstatement of bus service for the offending students should a suspension become necessary. The responsibility for student supervision by the Hanover School Division shall begin when the student boards the bus in the morning and is retained until the student leaves the bus at the end of the day or is released to the parent/guardian in a manner consistent with the guidelines on release of students.

Note: The bus is an extension of the school day. The bus driver has the authority to assign seats. The sexual/racial harassment policy of Hanover School Division will be strictly enforced on the school bus as well as at school.

II. Behaviour Guidelines and Consequences – (Grades K-S4)

A. Class I Offenses

1. Spitting
2. Excessive noise
3. Excessive horseplay
4. Eating or drinking on bus
5. Riding unassigned bus without permission or attempting to ride any bus after receiving a suspension
6. Leaving seat/standing while bus is in motion
7. Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment or obscene gestures or possession of unacceptable material
8. Radios and electronic games are not allowed on the bus
9. Disobedient or impudent to the driver
10. Other offenses as reported by the driver or principal

B. Class II Offenses

1. Hanging out of window
2. Throwing/shooting of any object
3. Use of tobacco or any controlled substance
4. Physical aggression against any person
5. Vandalism to bus (restitution will be made)
6. Holding onto/or attempting to hold onto any portion of the exterior of the bus
7. Lighting of matches, fireworks or any flammable object or substance
8. Unauthorized entering or leaving bus through emergency door/tampering with bus equipment
9. Other offenses as reported by driver or principal
10. Any offense committed on any bus outside of regular transportation to and from school (activity, field trip, shop shuttles, etc.) will carry a minimum penalty of a class II first offense.

C. Consequences

1. Class I

- a. First Offense – Warning or 1 to 5 days suspension
- b. Second Offense – Warning or 1 to 5 days suspension
- c. Third Offense – 5 to 10 days suspension
- d. Fourth Offense (Grades K-6)
 - . 10-day minimum suspension
 - . Possible loss of all bus service
 - . Parent/Principal meeting (optional)
- e. Fourth Offense (Grades 7-S4)- loss of bus service

2. Class II

- a. First Offense – Warning or 1 to 5 days suspension
- b. Second Offense – 5 to 10 days suspension
- c. Third Offense
 - . 10-day minimum suspension
 - . Possible loss of all bus service
 - . Parent/principal meeting (optional)
- d. Fourth Offense – loss of bus service

Note: A fourth offense of any class or combination thereof may result in loss of bus service. A severe offense may result in immediate loss of bus service.