

Hinds County School District Student Behavior/Disciplinary Reminders & Revisions 2021-2022

Bus Discipline

Appropriate bus behavior is required of all students. A list of disciplinary offenses can be found on pages 43-44 in the Hinds County School District Handbook for Parents and Students Abridged Version (2021-2022).

The nature and severity of individual student actions will determine the level of disciplinary action and may result in suspension from the bus and the school.

Students receiving referrals for failure to observe the bus behavior described above will be disciplined as follows **for students in grades K-5: Revised**

1 st Referral	Three (3) days suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
2 nd Referral	Five (5) days suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
3 rd Referral	Ten (10) days suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
4 th Referral	Thirty (30) day suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
5 th Referral	Expulsion from the bus for the remainder of the year (unless the offense is severe)

Students receiving referrals for failure to observe the bus behavior described above will be disciplined as follows **for students in grades 6-12: Revised**

1 st Referral	Five (5) days suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
2 nd Referral	Ten (10) days suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
3 rd Referral	Thirty (30) days suspension from riding the bus (unless the offense is severe)
4 th Referral	Expulsion from the bus for the remainder of the year (unless the offense is severe)

Student Social Media Agreement

As a student of Hinds County School District, I recognize I have a responsibility to support the efforts of my teachers, administrators, and fellow students to create a safe and welcoming learning environment free from threatening, harassing, or intimidating language. I understand my behavior online—including the content, images, and links I post and share on social media, websites, and other digital platforms—is an important part of whether my peers, teachers, administrators, and others feel safe and comfortable.

I also understand the Hinds County School District student handbook prohibits the use of sharing or accessing information or content that includes “profane, abusive, or impolite language ... not in line with the rules of school behavior.” I understand that if I encounter this type of material, I should report it to my principal immediately. In addition, I recognize that the following behaviors are prohibited and extend to my conduct online, including but not limited to:

- Using vulgar, abusive, or profane language, acts, and/or gestures
- Conspiring to or creating a disturbance in the classroom, on the bus, on school property, or at any school function, or verbally threatening such a disturbance
- Bullying
- Using abusive language or abusive behavior to district personnel or students
- The use of cell phones to acquire or distribute inappropriate video or photography
- The forwarding, posting, reposting, airdrop, and the sending of messages via text or messaging apps of inappropriate information on websites or blogs or sharing of social media content by any means.

Recognizing the above:

- I take responsibility for my online profiles, including my posts and any photos, videos, or other recordings posted by others in which I appear.

- I will not post or share any threatening, harassing, or intimidating content via social media, text message, messaging apps, or any other digital communication platform.
- I will refrain from sharing posts or text messages that contain threats, degrading messages, or content that can be construed as bullying towards my peers.
- I will immediately report any social media post, text message, or other digital content that contains an explicit or implied threat to the safety of my fellow students, faculty, staff, or member of the community.
- **It is my responsibility to report any inappropriate messages and/or post to my school administrator(s) and inform my parent or guardian immediately.**
- I understand and I will not forward, post, repost, airdrop, and send messages via text or messaging apps of inappropriate information on websites, blogs or other digital platforms.
- Consequences may include: ISD, OSS, discovery placement, restart placement, expulsion and/or arrest.

Weapon Possession/Controlled Substance

Students in any school who possess any controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Control Substance Law, a knife, handgun or other firearm, or any other instrument considered to be dangerous and capable of causing bodily harm or who commit a violent act on school property as defined in Miss. Code Ann. § 97-37-17, shall be subject to automatic expulsion for one calendar year by the superintendent or principal from such school. Such expulsion shall take effect immediately subject to the constitutional rights of due process. Miss. Code Ann. § 37-11-18.

A weapon is any gun, BB gun, air rifle, air pistol, Bowie knife, dirk, dagger, slingshot, leaded cane, tasers, switchblade knife, blackjack, Gerber knife, **metallic or brass knuckles**, razors and razor blades, and any sharp-pointed or edged instrument except for those used as instructional supplies, unaltered nail files, and clips and tools used solely for food preparation, instruction, and maintenance on educational property. Miss. Code Ann. § 97-37-14.

Cell Phone/Electronic Devices Policy for grades 6-12: Revised

1. Cell phones and all **mobile devices shall be TURNED OFF** when entering school campus. Cell phones and all personal mobile devices shall be kept in a student's backpack, bag, purse, or clothing pockets. Cell phones and all personal mobile devices are not allowed to be used in a classroom, library, common areas, or restrooms.
2. First offense. The phone or personal electronic device is kept for 15 school days. OR the parent can pay a \$30 fee to the school student activity fund and receive the phone earlier. Parents may pick up cell phones or personal electronic devices the next school day after either the fee is paid or the 15 days has passed.
3. Second offense. The phone or personal electronic device is kept for 30 school days OR the parent can pay a fee of \$50 to the school student activity fund and receive the phone or electronic device. Parents may pick up cell phones or personal electronic devices the next school day after either the fee is paid or the 30 days has passed.
4. Third offense. The student will no longer be able to bring a phone or personal electronic device on campus. Consequences may include: discovery placement and RESTART placement.
5. The parent or legal guardian must pick up confiscated cell phones or personal electronic device at the school within 15 days after the 30-day policy ends, or they forfeit the phone or the personal electronic device to the school. This does not apply to Social Media Agreement violations.

I understand my failure to do any of the above may result in disciplinary action or potential criminal charges.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

School

Date