

## Bus Regulations and Authority

The School Laws (24-2451) of Pennsylvania permit school boards to provide transportation for elementary students living more than one and a half (1½) miles from school and for secondary students living more than two (2) miles from school. The transportation service provided by the Allegheny-Clarion Valley Board of Education is a **privilege** which may be denied to students who misbehave on the bus. Students and parent/guardians must be aware of and observe the following regulations:

1. The bus driver is in charge of maintaining discipline on the bus and has the authority to verbally reprimand any student who misbehaves. The bus driver will assign seats for students and may change seat assignments at any time in order to control student behavior.
2. Bus riding privileges may be suspended for up to ten (10) days for misbehavior. Examples:
  - a. Failing to follow reasonable instructions from the driver
  - b. Eating or drinking on a school bus
  - c. Failing to remain seated in their assigned seat at all times
  - d. Entering or leaving the bus at any other point than the front door
  - e. Not keeping arms, hands, and heads inside the bus at all times
  - f. Not keeping conversations at low volume, as prescribed by the bus driver. There should be no shouting or screaming, or any behavior which might endanger anyone's safety.
3. The parent/guardian must reimburse the bus contractor the full amount of repair/replacement costs for any intentional damage to a bus by a student.
4. In addition to suspension of riding privileges, misconduct on a school bus can also result in detention (including Saturdays) or suspension.
5. When a student's bus privileges have been suspended, the parent/guardian will be notified by phone and/or in writing. The parent/guardian will be responsible for the suspended student's transportation and attendance during the suspension.