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# DRAFT UPDATE

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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## Students

### Bus Conduct

All students must follow the Cooperative's School Bus Safety Guidelines/Rules.

**Comment [AKL1]:** The policy and Cross References are amended to comply with P.A. 99-456 (eff. 9-15-2016). Two new subheads are added: School Bus Suspensions and Academic Credit for Missed Classes During School Bus Suspension. Issue 91, February 2016

### School Bus Suspensions

The Executive Director, or any designee as permitted in the School Code, is authorized to suspend a student from riding the school bus or van for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to, the following:

1. Prohibited student conduct as defined in Board policy, 7:190, Student Discipline Behavior.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a van or bus driver or other supervisor.
6. Such other behavior as the Executive Director or designee deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus or van for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus or van, the Board may suspend the student from riding the school bus or van for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons. The Cooperative's regular suspension procedures shall be used to suspend a student's privilege to ride a school bus. Misconduct on a van may result in loss of van riding privileges or other disciplinary action.

**Comment [AKL2]:** Attorneys disagree whether P.A. 99-456, eff. 9-15-16, applies to school bus suspensions; this sentence applies the law to school bus suspensions; 7:200, Suspension Procedure, satisfies the procedural requirements in 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b). Delete this sentence only at the direction of the board attorney. Issue 91, February 2016

### Academic Credit for Missed Classes During School Bus Suspension

A student suspended from riding the bus who does not have alternate transportation to school shall have the opportunity to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit. It shall be the responsibility of the student's parent or guardian to notify the school that the student does not have alternate transportation.

**Comment [AKL3]:** The Academic Credit for Missed Classes During School Bus Suspension subhead and the first sentence of its text are required by P.A. 99-456 (eff. 9-15-2016). Issue 91, February 2016

### Electronic Recordings on School Buses

Electronic visual and audio recordings may be used on school buses to monitor conduct and to promote and maintain a safe environment for students and employees when transportation is provided for any school related activity. Notice of electronic recordings shall be displayed on the exterior of the vehicle's entrance door and front interior bulkhead in compliance with State law and the rules of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety.

Students are prohibited from tampering with electronic recording devices. Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with the Board's discipline policy and shall reimburse the Cooperative for any necessary repairs or replacement.

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LEGAL REF.: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6, and 10/  
720 ILCS 5/14-3(m).  
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375, Student Records.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 7:130 (Student Rights and  
Responsibilities), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:190 (Student Discipline Behavior), 7:200  
(Suspension Procedures), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities),  
7:340 (Student Records)

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