



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
**POLICY 5210**  
**PUPIL TRANSPORTATION POLICY –**  
**STUDENT CONDUCT**

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### **Policy Statement**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to provide an appropriate environment for students who ride school buses to and from school and/or sporting events/activities. Behavioral expectations that protect the safety of students, as well as bus drivers/attendants and the motoring public, are essential in meeting this obligation.

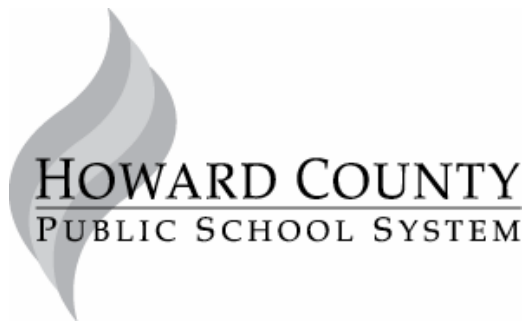
Students are responsible for their conduct on school buses and expected to adhere to bus rules. School system personnel shall take appropriate action whenever student behavior violates bus rules or interferes with the safety of bus transportation. This includes temporarily or permanently suspending a student's transportation privileges and/or disciplining the student using the Howard County Student Code of Conduct and in accordance with Policy 9200, Discipline.

This policy is applicable to all students, public and nonpublic, for whom bus transportation is provided by the Howard County Public School System.

Legal Reference: Maryland Vehicle Law  
Section 21-1118, School Bus Regulations

Other References: Policy 9200, Discipline

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**POLICY 5210-R**  
REGULATIONS  
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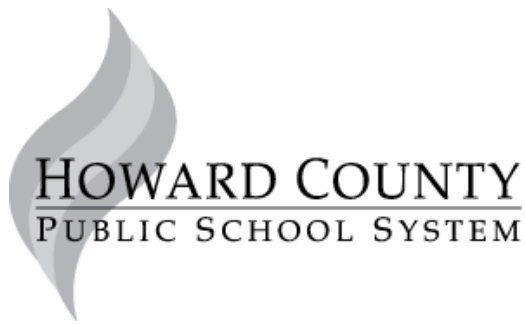
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**Regulations**

- I. Information regarding student conduct on school buses shall be made known to all students, parents/guardians and staff members annually, to any new student upon enrollment, and when deemed necessary by the principal.
- II. Bus rules are to be posted on school buses and reviewed with student passengers.
- III. Failure to comply with expected student behaviors or interference with the safe transportation of students in any way shall be a violation of this policy. In the absence of a teacher or school administrator, it will be the responsibility of the school bus driver/assistant to report inappropriate or unsafe student behavior to a school-based administrator.
- III. Initial disciplinary action as a result of inappropriate behavior shall be the responsibility of the designated school administrator. The Pupil Transportation Office staff shall be available to assist school administrators in addressing and resolving infractions.
- IV. Student infractions of the rules/guidelines regarding student conduct on school buses may lead to the temporary or permanent suspension of transportation privileges and/or other discipline.
- V. Any disciplinary action resulting from a violation of this policy shall be taken using the Howard County Student Code of Conduct and in accordance with Policy 9200, Discipline.
- VI. Inappropriate conduct by special education students will be handled in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

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**POLICY 5210-PR**  
IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES  
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- I. The school administration will annually notify all students, parents and staff members of the Pupil Transportation Student Conduct Policy and any related information. Notification may be:
- A. Given via announcement over the public address system at the beginning of the school year and at other times as deemed appropriate.
  - B. Published in school newsletters and/or student/parent/faculty handbooks.
  - C. Posted for students and staff (e.g., on bulletin boards in the main office, teachers' lounge, guidance office and other commonly used areas).
  - D. Published with school lunch menus.
  - E. Provided to new students and parents/guardians through the registration process.
- II. Violation of Policy
- A. If any student is deemed to be in violation of this policy by the school bus driver/attendant, the student should be referred to the appropriate school administrator through the use of the Bus Conduct Report form.
  - B. The administrator will determine if a violation has, in fact, occurred.
  - C. If the administrator determines that a violation has occurred, he/she, in consultation with the pupil transportation office as necessary, will take appropriate action. This may include the temporary or permanent suspension of transportation privileges and/or disciplinary action.

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