

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

All students are responsible for obeying state law, policies of the Board of Education, and rules of the school. No student should bring anything to school, which is prohibited by statute, policy, or school rule. The administration has the authority to initiate a search of school property and grounds, student property (including cars), and students.

Lockers are the property of the school system and are made available to students for their convenience. Each student is responsible for the contents and security of his/her locker. The administration has the authority to inspect any or all locker(s) at any time deemed appropriate to maintain a safe and desirable school climate.

UNANNOUNCED VISITS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

To provide and maintain a safe and secure environment for students, staff and visitors, the Board supports the requirement of The Alabama Administrative Code, section 290-030-010-.06, to permit law enforcement agencies to make periodic, unannounced visits to any school within the school system (this includes drug dog). Such visits shall be for the purpose of detecting the presence of illegal drugs or weapons. In accordance with The Code of Alabama, 16-1-24.1, the possession of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, or weapons will result in immediate suspension from school and possible criminal charges being brought against the student(s).

TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOL PROPERTY

Alabama Code mandates that all persons be prohibited from using tobacco products on school property. The penalty for violation is suspension. (See the section on Violations and Sanctions.)

WEAPONS

All persons, except such as are prescribed by law, are strictly prohibited from bringing or possessing any dangerous instrument or weapon on school property. The **Gun Free Schools Act** requires that any student determined to be in **possession** of a firearm on school grounds shall be **expelled** from school for a period of no less than one calendar year, and shall be reported to the criminal justice system. **Ref:** Title IV (20 U.S.C. 7101) Section 4101. Subpart 3.

STUDENT SEARCHES

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

SCHOOL PROPERTY -- Desks and lockers are school property, and school officials may make regulations regarding their use. School officials may inspect desks and lockers upon school property.

STUDENT PASSENGER RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The students are under the authority of the local school Principal. The driver of the school bus is responsible for reporting the student's violation of rules to the Principal. The Transportation Supervisor is responsible for other issues and concerns relating to bus drivers. Therefore, the driver must prohibit:

- a. Exchanging assigned seats while bus is in motion
- b. Throwing objects inside the bus or from the inside to the outside.
- c. Use of tobacco, use of e-cigarettes, use of e-pens, striking matches, shooting firecrackers, or opening knives or the possession of any weapon.
- d. Extending head, arms, or hands from windows
- e. Defacing or damaging the bus in any manner
- f. Vulgar talk, loud noise or shouting
- g. Use of emergency door except in an emergency
- h. Leaving bus at any place other than the regular stop, except upon notice from the Principal.
- i. Any other conduct that would be disruptive and distracting to the safe operation of the bus.
- j. Eating food or drinking beverages on the bus
- k. Unregulated boarding and leaving the bus, especially by those who are not regular passengers
- l. No standing is allowed while bus is moving.
- m. **NO INFLATED BALLOONS WILL BE ALLOWED ON BUSES for safety.**

2. Parents or guardians of students are responsible for damages students do to any bus.

3. **The bus operates on a definite schedule. The student must be at the designated pickup point ready to enter the bus when the driver opens the door.**

4. When it is necessary for the student to cross the road to get to the designated pickup point, extreme caution should be used. If the student must cross the road when leaving the bus, cross in front of the bus after looking both ways.

5. The Driver of the school bus has the authority to make sure that a student or students do not jeopardize the safe operation of the bus or endanger the health or safety of other students on the bus. Students are prohibited from misconduct that would pose a threat to the safe operation of the bus or its passengers. **Such misconduct would include, but not be limited to, intoxication; drug impairment; possessing a dangerous weapon; or unruly or belligerent behavior; or conduct described in Section 1 of this policy (items (a) through (j)).**

6. **To avoid overcrowded conditions and safety hazards from overcrowding, children are not permitted to ride any bus over a route other than the one on which they are regularly assigned without written permission of parent/guardian and approval by the Principal(s) of the school(s) involved.**

7. The Driver is instructed not to put a student off the bus except at his/her regular pickup point, unless authorized to do so by the Principal.

8. The Driver should immediately report **IN WRITING** any and all violations of the above to the Principal for action.

9. Sanctions for violations of bus rules shall be: (1) 1st Offense – a minimum 5 day suspension from bus; (2) 2nd Offense – a minimum of 10 day suspension from bus; (3) 3rd Offense – suspended for the remainder of semester from bus. Students who violate rules on one bus, the suspension days are for all buses. 10. Student(s), who have been suspended from the bus, must be picked up from school in a timely manner by parents or guardian. If the student(s) are not picked up the local police or DHR will be contacted for student to be transported home.

A COPY OF THESE STUDENT RULES WILL BE KEPT POSTED ON EACH BUS