Midway Star Transportation Policy

I. PURPOSE

An appropriate district service offered to students who meet certain criteria is access to quality, safe and reliable transportation to and from school each day. The purpose of this policy is to establish the district policy regarding provision of transportation to students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Midway Star Academy (herein 'Midway Star) offers transportation or the means of transportation to and from schools to students who qualify under Minnesota Statutes, except for students whose transportation privileges have been revoked, or have been voluntarily surrendered by the student's parent.

B. Transportation shall be provided in a manner that protects the health, welfare and safety of students.

C. While transportation is an appropriate service to provide to students, transportation is a privilege and not a right for an eligible student. Transportation for otherwise eligible students may be suspended or revoked for a violation of school bus safety or conduct rules, or violation of any other law governing student conduct on a school bus pursuant to district policies. Transportation will communicate with Midway Star about student behavior.

1. If a student receives a bus referral, a school dean or administrator will speak with the student and remind him or her of bus safety and respect expectations.

2. If a student receives a second bus referral, a school dean or administrator will speak with the student, remind him or her of bus safety and respect expectations, and communicate with the family of the consequence of a third referral.

3. If a student receives a third bus referral, a school dean or administrator will speak with the student, remind him or her of bus safety and respect expectations, and communicate with the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) that the student will receive a one-day bus suspension. Midway Star may require a parent/guardian meeting to resolve the issue(s) surrounding the student's behaviors.

4. If a student receives a fourth bus referral, a school dean or administrator will speak with the student, remind him or her of bus safety and respect expectations, and communicate with the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) that the student will receive a three-day bus suspension. Midway Star will require a parent/guardian meeting to resolve the issue(s) surrounding the student's behaviors.

5. If a student receives a fifth bus referral, a school dean or administrator will speak with the student, remind him or her of bus safety and respect expectations, and communicate with the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) that the student will receive a five-day bus suspension. Midway Star will require a parent/guardian meeting to resolve the issue(s) surrounding the student's behaviors.

6. If a student receives a sixth referral, a school dean or administrator will require a parent/guardian meeting to resolve the issue(s) surrounding the student's behaviors. The student will lose his or her privilege of utilizing school transportation both to and from school as well as during field trips, extracurricular, or after-school activities.

Such suspensions or revocations from transportation services do not constitute an exclusion, expulsion, or suspension from school under the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act. Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or Individual Accommodation Plans (IAPs) may have their transportation privileges suspended or revoked only in accordance with federal law.

D. Midway Star will provide appropriate transportation services to students with a disability whose Individual Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plan (IAP) requires transportation.

Legal References:
20 U.S.C. §1415 (Individuals with Disabilities Act)
42 U.S.C. §12132 (Americans with Disabilities Act)
Minn. Stat. §120A.22 (Compulsory Instruction)
Minn. Stat. §§121A.40 - 121A.56 (Pupil Fair Dismissal Act)
Minn. Stat. §121A.59 (Bus Transportation is a Privilege Not a Right)
Minn. Stat. §121A.59
Minn. Stat. §123B.88, subdivision 1