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Safe bus transportation is considered an integral part of the total educational program in AJ Group of Schools. The School recognizes that driving a school bus requires the undivided attention of the driver, and that disturbances on school buses can divert the driver's attention thus leading to accidents involving serious bodily injury, property damage, and even death. Therefore, the driver of a school bus, subject to the direction of the school principal, shall have complete authority over and responsibility for the operation of the bus as well as supervision of student behaviour on the bus.

Students are further expected to go by the following AJ Behaviours when riding the bus:

- Each pupil shall be seated immediately upon entering the bus.
- Pupils are not to stand or move from place to place while the bus is in motion.
- Windows and doors are to be opened or closed only with the permission of the bus driver. If allowed, windows should only be opened to the indicated safety line.

The principal may suspend, at his or her discretion students from riding on a school bus for the following reasons:

1. Fighting, tobacco use, eating/drinking, using or displaying profanity.
2. Tampering with or doing damage to a bus.
3. Unauthorized leaving of the bus when in route to or from school.
4. Shouting, screaming or using sign language to incite some students.
5. Standing without reason, pushing other students to create trouble.
6. Changing places in the bus, other than the allotted place to create confusion.
7. Showing disrespect to any authorized person of the school on the bus.
8. Playing, failing to remain seated, throwing objects, harassing other students, or otherwise distracting the driver while the bus is in operation.
9. Failing to observe established safety practices and rules of conduct as stated in the Hand book.

Violations of Bus Regulations and their Consequences

Apart from the abovementioned sanctions indicated in the "Discipline, Behaviour, Conduct Policy" (in line with the MOE/ADEC bylaws), all students and passengers who use the school transport service are also obliged to abide by the following consequences in case of violating Bus Regulations:

A **written notice** will be issued to those committing any of the following:

1. Throwing anything from the bus
2. Making noise and disturbing inside the bus
3. Writing or sticking any phrases anywhere in the bus

The bus service will be **stopped for one week** for those committing any of the following:

1. Repeating the infractions mentioned in the previous article, and a written notice has already been issued
2. Initiating or taking part in a fight inside the bus
3. Disturbing people on the street or inside other vehicles
4. Disobeying the rules of getting into and outside the bus or delaying the bus
5. Getting into or stepping out of a moving bus
6. Interfering in the drivers work or the assistant or consistently disturbing them in any way

The bus service will be **stopped for one month** for those committing any of the following:

1. Repeating the infractions mentioned in the previous article more than once

2. Damaging or interfering with the bus equipment
3. Trying to move a stopped bus or stopping a moving bus without reason

The bus service will be **completely withdrawn** in the following cases:

1. Smoking inside the bus
2. Committing deeds against honor and honesty inside the bus
3. Showing aggression against the driver or the assistant
4. Not sticking to the sanitary conditions inside the bus

The school management will take a decision about any infraction not mentioned above and the parents will be immediately notified.

Further details of the Bus Regulations policy can be sought from the Transport Department.