

Austin Police Department

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| Title: CRIMINAL CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUS | | Application: All Personnel |

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the department that promote cooperation with the schools, parents, and transportation providers to promote safe passage for our children to and from school.

POLICY:

This policy complies with the requirements set forth by the Minnesota Legislature requiring local law enforcement agencies to adopt a written policy regarding procedures for responding to criminal incidents on school buses.

PROCEDURE:

- A. This department recognizes that responding to reports of criminal conduct on school buses is a law enforcement function.
- B. Officers are directed to handle this type of complaint like any other report of criminal conduct and make referrals to the appropriate prosecuting authority, when warranted.
- C. As with all complaints of this type, officers can use justifiable discretion in handling these matters. Officers should take into account the seriousness of the offense, action under consideration and/or taken by the school, and input from individuals affected by the criminal conduct.
- D. This policy is not intended to interfere with or replace school disciplinary policies, which relate to student misconduct on school buses.

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Supervisors of the department are responsible for ensuring that this and all policies of this department are followed. Deviations from this or any other policy are permitted within the scope of authority granted to all members of this department; however, the deviation must be reported in accordance with policy.