Positive Behavior Support for Transportation

Prevent Problems:
1. Greet students at the bus door.
2. Assign seats strategically (Enforce It).
3. Practice quiet signal at least 3 times a day (Don’t wait until it is too loud).
4. Have a designated student or driver read the bus procedures and rules at the beginning or the route to remind students.

Teach Expectations For Success:
1. Use these rules and expectations with the students.
   a. Be Respectful
      i. Speak quietly only to your neighbor
      ii. Show manners to the driver
   b. Use Safety
      i. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
      ii. Walk on and off the bus
      iii. Sit and stay in assigned seat
   c. Show Self Control
      i. Listen and follow directions
      ii. Know the quiet sign
      iii. Keep the floor and seat clean

Provide Positive Interaction:
1. Show students incentives (Yellow Cards) upon entering the bus.
2. Reward behaving students nearest to a student misbehaving.
3. Find students to give positive praise and tell them exactly what they did right. Example: “You were SAFE when you were keeping your hands and feet to yourself, good job.”
4. Use music as a reward for entire group behaving.
5. Every day randomly catch some students doing the right thing and tell those students to see you on the way off the bus to receive a Yellow Card.
6. Vary the times on the route and the behaviors for which you give out the Yellow Cards, surprise the students. Examples:
   a. Call out a few seat numbers sitting correctly at the beginning of the route.
   b. Catch a student following the quiet signal and getting silent quickly.
   c. Catch a student picking up trash on the floor.
   d. Catch a student reading during the route.
   e. Catch a student sitting quickly upon entering the bus.
   f. Catch a student using manners with the driver.

CORRECT PROBLEMS:

g. Move seats
h. Talk to the students
i. Plan to ignore minor negative attention seeking behaviors
j. Talk to the parents/guardians
k. Try to catch the student being good
l. Write a Parent Notification of Inappropriate Bus Behavior
m. Write an Office Referral after the 3rd Parent Notification Letter and after you have exhausted steps.