

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Good behavior in the buses is essential to health, welfare and safety of all passengers. Any act or disregard for the rules that distracts the driver endangers the lives of all concerned. School buses are considered an extension of the school day; all safety rules must be observed. State law requires that smoking be prohibited on all school buses.

Procedures for Drivers and Parents:

1. In case of any misconduct on a bus, the incident will be reported on the proper form to the school Principal. The Principal will report the incident to the parent.
2. In case of a repetition of misconduct by the same student or initial serious misconduct, the Principal may suspend the student's transportation privileges.
3. After a second offense or an initial serious offense, if any subsequent incident of misconduct occurs, bus privileges may be denied or suspended for the student and the responsibility for transportation will then rest with the parent.
4. Students will not be allowed to change buses.

Loading and Unloading at Bus Stop:

1. Riders must be on time. Bus drivers will not wait;
2. Riders will enter or leave the bus at regular stops only;
3. Students are to approach the bus in an orderly fashion and only when the bus has come to a complete stop;
4. Orderly behavior and respect for private property will be required; and
5. The riders, when entering or leaving the bus, must follow instructions and directions of the driver, including the assignment of seats when necessary.

Required Conduct Aboard the Bus:

1. Riders must remain in seats or in place when the bus is in motion;
2. Whistling and shouting are not permitted;
3. Profanity and obscene language are forbidden;
4. Smoking is prohibited;
5. The following disturbances are prohibited:
 - a. Pushing or wrestling
 - b. Annoying other passengers or disturbing their possessions
 - c. Talking to the driver, except in emergencies
 - d. Throwing objects within the bus or out of windows
 - e. Climbing over seats

- f. Opening or closing windows without permission
- g. Leaning out of windows
- h. Littering the bus
- i. Bullying or other abusive behaviors

6. Parents will be held responsible for any defacing or damaging of the bus.

Failure to comply and cooperate may result in the loss of bus privileges. While on the bus, students are subject to all the rules and regulations of the School Committee.

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