

## MSAD #37 POLICY

### STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES

#### Rules and Regulations for Pupils Transported in MSAD #37 School Buses

##### Meeting the Bus:

1. All pupils must be on time and ready in the morning ten (10) minutes before the time the bus usually arrives at the pick-up point. Buses cannot wait for tardy riders.
2. Pupils walking along the road to a bus stop should always walk on the left shoulder of the road, facing oncoming traffic.
3. Pupils will walk, not run, when crossing the road or approaching a bus and then only after the bus is fully stopped.
4. Pupils must wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road to board the bus.

##### On the bus, pupils shall:

1. Obey the driver who has full charge of the bus.
2. Go to their assigned seats and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Deposit all paper and refuse in container when leaving the bus.
4. Present to the driver a properly signed permission slip when that pupil is to be discharged at a point other than his/her regular pick-up point.
5. Refrain from any swearing, vulgar language, ethnic slurs or comments directed against any person. It will not be tolerated.

##### Pupils shall not:

1. Extend any object or part of his/her body outside the bus at any time.
2. Tamper with bus equipment or emergency doors, windows, or hatch.
3. Mar or deface the bus in any way. Damage done will be paid for by the pupil and his/her parents/guardians.
4. Fight or scuffle. Any instance will result in suspension from buses.
5. Shout or make lewd gestures to anyone.
6. Throw objects out of or within the bus.
7. Obstruct aisles with lunch boxes, backpacks or other objects.
8. Consume food or drink while on a bus. All food, drink bottles, cans, etc. shall remain in lunch boxes/bags.
9. Bring large objects on the bus (driver's judgment).
10. Cross the street in front of the bus without waiting for the driver's direction.

##### Remember:

1. Pupils attending parties, group activities, etc. and wishing to ride a bus other than their own, may have to be denied permission.
2. Permission slips are required when pupils leave the bus other than at their pick-up point.\*
3. The infraction of any rule may be grounds for suspension from buses. (Suspension from one bus means suspension from all district buses on regular runs.)
4. Severe infractions may be dealt with by the Transportation Director and the Superintendent and may result in a lengthy suspension of the pupil's bus riding privileges.

5. The right of the pupils to ride a school bus is conditional on their behavior and observance of rules pertaining to proper conduct.
6. Bus drivers are obligated to request suspensions to the Transportation Director and make suggestions in line with good citizenship.
7. Kindergarten students will not be dropped off unless an adult is visibly present at the location.
8. MSAD #37 buses only pick up and deliver students on town owned and maintained roads as deemed suitable by the transportation director for transporting students safely.
9. Students will be transported by district transportation to and from their resident school or the program in which they are placed. Buses will not deviate from regular runs to accommodate transportation requests that differ from that of the regular run.

\*Clarification: Any pupil boarding any MSAD #37 bus at his/her regular pick-up point may not leave the bus at any other point on the way to school except at another school for purpose of transfer to another bus. The same rule applies for school to home. However, a pupil may depart from a bus along any regular PM route by virtue of a permission note from his/her parents/guardians for the driver's record and signed by the principal or teacher. After such a departure, a pupil shall not be readmitted to any MSAD #37 bus during the day's regular run.

Cross reference: JICIA – Weapons, Violence and School Safety  
EEAEC-R Procedures for Suspending Pupils from Buses

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