

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Parents/guardians have the responsibility of supervision before their child boards the bus in the morning and after their child leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a child boards the bus—and only at that time—does he/she become the responsibility of the school system. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the School Committee requires students to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. This requirement for student behavior applies to all occasions when students are using school sponsored transportation, including transportation for field trips and extracurricular activities.

The bus driver is expected to bring behavior and safety issues to the attention of the building principal and/or bus service provider. The principal will inform the parents in a timely manner of serious misconduct and request their cooperation in addressing their child's behavior.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

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