

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The number one priority of any bus driver for regular routes to and from school, school activities, or any other occasion will be safety of the passengers. Accordingly, students will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that helps protect all people on the bus.

While a child is riding, boarding, or leaving the bus, the bus driver has supervisory control over the student and may exercise reasonable and necessary physical restraint to maintain that control.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board will require children to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

In cases when a child does not conduct themselves properly on a bus, such instances will be brought to the attention of the transportation director by the bus driver. The transportation director will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in checking the child's behavior.

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

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Cross References:

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