

## **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

While the law requires the school system to furnish transportation, it does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

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

The School Committee and its staff share with students and parents the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. The authority for enforcing School Committee requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with principal.

To ensure the safety of all students who ride in buses, it may occasionally be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who abuses this privilege. Parents of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with regulations approved by the School Committee.

In cases when a child does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, he/she will be disciplined in accordance with the School Committee approved rules governing student conduct on the school buses.

Children who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus will lose bus privileges. In such cases, the parents of the children involved will become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

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