

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The safety and well being of all students is paramount. Understanding that, and that riding the bus is a privilege, students are expected to understand and adhere to the established bus regulations. The bus driver will have the responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the terminal director and school administration in writing. The terminal manager of the transportation company will have the authority delegated by the Superintendent to suspend riding privileges of students who are disciplinary problems on the bus by failing to conform to the rules and regulations promulgated by the School Board. Parents of children whose pattern of behavior and conduct on school buses endangers the health, safety and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of school bus riding privileges in accordance with the student discipline code. Suspensions in excess of twenty consecutive days must be ratified by the Board (RSA 189:9a)

Bus Regulations & Student Expectations

All students who use school bus transportation should follow these regulations:

1. No profane language, obscene gestures, excessive noise, fighting, wrestling, or other acts of physical or verbal aggression will be acceptable behavior.
2. Dropping or throwing things on, out of, or at a school bus are unacceptable behaviors. Students are expected to keep their head, hands, feet, etc, inside the bus at all times.
3. Anything that would create a safety hazard for the passengers or vehicle will not be acceptable behavior.
4. Students are expected to seat themselves promptly when getting on the bus. Students are to remain in their seats until they reach their designated stop and the bus has stopped. Emergency doors are for emergency use only.
5. Once a student has boarded the bus, he/she may not get off except at his/her destination.
6. Students may ride only the bus to which they have been assigned. The bus driver has the discretion to allow other students to board a bus if prior approval through the school office is made, and there is ample capacity. The law allows and students are expected to sit three passengers per seat if necessary.
7. Students are expected to be at their bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is due; bus drivers do not have to wait.
8. Students are expected to properly identify themselves to the driver upon request.
9. Students are expected to cross the street in front of the bus.

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10. Vandalism, including marking or defacing the bus is not acceptable, and will be reported to the appropriate authorities.
11. Eating or drinking on school buses is not allowed.
12. No smoking or use of smokeless tobacco products is allowed on any bus, including charter and athletic trips.
13. Drivers are allowed to assign seating. Drivers will keep seating charts on each bus.
14. Bus drivers are responsible for safe bus operation and their decisions and requests are expected to be followed.
15. Only authorized riders will be permitted on the bus.
16. Video surveillance may be utilized on any bus to monitor student activity and behavior.

Corrective Actions

Bus drivers will report rule infractions to the terminal manager, with a copy to the appropriate school administrator as soon as possible.

Disciplinary Actions Shall Be As Follows

- a. A verbal warning will be issued for less serious infractions
- b. A written “Bus Incidents Report” warning will be issued to the student and parent/guardian on a second or more serious offense.
- c. Bus suspension ranging from 1-3 days with written notification to parents/guardians and school administrators will be provided.
- d. Possible removal from the bus for up to 20 days or more with a letter home to the parent/guardian and School Board referral for further action if necessary. No student shall be put off the bus while traveling to and from school unless a dangerous situation occurs. The daily trip will be completed and then parents/guardian notified before the student can be removed from transportation service.

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