

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education believes it is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses, to ensure their safety, that of other passengers, and the fewest possible distractions for bus drivers.

Some students are eligible for district transportation. While the law requires the district to furnish transportation for such students, it does not relieve parents of the responsibility for supervision until such time as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day. It is important that those waiting for buses conduct themselves properly in respect to the rights and property of others. However, only after a student boards the bus does he/she become the responsibility of the district. Such responsibility shall end when the student is delivered to his/her regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

The school bus shall be regarded as an extension of the classroom; students are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

Uniform disciplinary procedures as developed by the Superintendent of Schools with the advice of the Building Principals and the Manager of Transportation and Safety shall be enforced by the Building Principals in a uniform manner.

If a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, such instances shall be brought to the attention of the Building Principal in writing by the bus driver within one school day.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended. In such cases, the parents of the student involved shall be responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely. Any such suspension shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law.

Ref: Education Law §§3214; 3635
5312, Prohibited Conduct
5320, Student Conduct on Buses
Code of Conduct

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