

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

While the State of Maine requires the District to provide student transportation, it does not relieve parents/guardians of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the close of the school day.

Once a student boards the bus, the student becomes the responsibility of the school. The District's responsibility shall end when the student is delivered to a regular bus stop. This policy includes field trips and any co-curricular activities.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board expects students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for student conduct in school and in the classroom. When a student does not demonstrate appropriate conduct on the bus, the student will be brought to the attention of the principal by the Director of Transportation and/or the bus driver. The principal will inform the parents/guardians immediately of the misconduct and expect their cooperation in monitoring their child's behavior.

Students transported in private vehicles by school personnel who are sanctioned by the District will be subject to this policy.

A student who becomes a serious disciplinary problem on the bus will have the privilege of riding on the bus suspended. In the event that a student's privilege to ride the bus is suspended, the parents/guardians shall be responsible for providing for all transportation needs of their child. During the time of a suspension from the bus, the District expects the student to attend school.

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