

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Parents and guardian(s) whose child(ren) use school district transportation must understand that the students are under the jurisdiction of the school from the time they board the bus at the bus stop until the time the students exit the bus. The school district is not responsible for the students prior to boarding and/or exiting the bus at the bus stop.

The superintendent or his/her designee will develop rules and regulations for conduct on buses and these rules and regulations shall be printed in the *Parent-Student Handbook* and reviewed by the school board annually.

Students transported in a school bus are under the authority of the school district and the control of the bus driver in accordance with the student handbook guidelines. Disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to obey the directions of the driver shall be sufficient reasons for a student to be denied the privilege of transportation in accordance with the regulations of the school board.

The bus driver will have responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the student's building administrator in writing. Video cameras may be used on buses to support the bus driver's reports of unacceptable conduct. The building administrator will have the authority to suspend the riding privileges of students who fail to conform to the bus rules and regulations. Students who exhibit behavior and conduct on school buses which endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will face the loss of school bus riding privileges and their parent/guardians will be notified by the school. If a student is to lose the privilege of riding the bus, advance warning will be given to both the parent/guardian(s) and student, except for extreme misconduct. In cases of extreme misconduct, the student will be immediately removed from the bus following the bus company's emergency plan. The parent/guardian(s) will be notified as soon as possible. Riding privileges for extreme misconduct may be suspended indefinitely. Suspensions in excess of twenty consecutive days must be ratified by the school board (RSA 189:9a).

Resolution of Conflicts

A parent/guardian who wishes to request a change or exemption from any of the student transportation policies shall direct that request to the building administrator.

In the case of suspension of bus privileges, a parent/guardian may appeal the decision within ten (10) days of said suspension.



If the parent/guardian is not satisfied by the ruling of the building administrator, he/she may appeal the ruling within five (5) business days to the business administrator. If the parent/guardian is again not satisfied by the ruling, he/she may appeal to the superintendent within the next five (5) business day period. Final appeals will be before the school board.

Legal References:

RSA 189:6, *School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: Transportation of Pupils*

RSA 189:9-a, *School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons*

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