

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Background

It is the practice of the District to provide transportation for certain students in its schools. However, parents remain responsible 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.

Once students board the bus (and only at that time) do they become the responsibility of the District. In view of this, the District regards the bus as an extension of the classroom, and all students are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the same standards of behaviour that have been set for the classroom.

Procedures

1. To ensure the safety of all who ride the buses, bus drivers are authorized to enforce these rules and to deal accordingly with students who violate them.
 - 1.1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students.
 - 1.2. Bus drivers are responsible for discipline on the bus and may recommend to the Principal that a student who becomes a discipline problem be suspended from riding. The length of the suspension will be at the discretion of the Principal in consultation with the bus driver, and parents will be advised immediately of the suspension and its duration. No student will be put off a bus at other than their normal bus stop.
 - 1.3. No standing, smoking, or creating a disturbance of any kind is permitted on a school bus.
 - 1.4. Students may not open windows without the driver's permission.
 - 1.5. Students will not extend anything out of windows.
 - 1.6. Students must be on time for their bus, because bus drivers will not wait beyond the scheduled departure times at any stop.
 - 1.7. Bus stops will be placed only as agreed between the District and the bus company. Buses will run only on public roads and will stop in the safest places regardless of possible inconvenience to individual passengers.

Reference: Sections 6, 7, 11, 17, 20, 22, 65, 79, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89

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