

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The law does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision before the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of school.

Once a child boards the bus - and only at that time - do they become the responsibility of the School District. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board shall require children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

In cases where a child does not conduct themselves properly on a bus, such instances are brought to the attention of the building Principal and the Director of Transportation by the bus driver. The building Principal and Director of Transportation will work together to inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in changing the child's behavior.

Children who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended up to the rest of the school year by the Principal or Director of Transportation. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

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