

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The law does not relieve parents/guardians 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 the school day.

Once a child boards the bus-and only at that time do they become the responsibility of the school system. Such responsibility ends when the child is delivered to an established bus stop at the close of the school day.

The bus is considered an extension of the classroom, as such the Board requires children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

In cases when a child does not behave properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the building Principal by the bus driver. The building Principal will inform the parents/guardians immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in correcting the child's behavior.

Children who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the Principal in consultation with the Director of Transportation. In such cases, the parents/guardians of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely. The Principal may put a plan in place with the parents/guardians to ensure the child's successful return to the bus.

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