

## **Students**

### **Bus Conduct**

School transportation privileges are extended to students conditional upon their satisfactory behavior on the bus.

Students will be advised that they may be suspended from transportation services for unsatisfactory conduct while awaiting or receiving transportation to and from school which endangers persons or property or violates a Board policy or administrative regulation.

(cf. 5114/5114.1 - Suspension/Expulsion; Due Process)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.

10-220 Duties of boards of education

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

10-233c Suspension of students

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The following list of rules are to be observed by all students riding school buses and are to be strictly enforced by all bus drivers:

1. The driver is in complete charge of the bus and the children being transported. The driver may make changes in seating, arrange for discipline as it is required, and may take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of his/her bus and its passengers.
2. Students must remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion. Students may leave their seats only when the bus is stopped and directed by the driver or stopped at their destination.
3. Students shall not leave the bus without permission from the driver or school authorities except at the students' regular bus stop or at the school.
4. Conduct on the buses will be like classroom conduct except that reasonable conversation is permissible. Inappropriate behavior of any form or manner is not permissible and will be reported to the School Principal.
5. Students who refuse to comply with regulations will be advised that they may be suspended from transportation services.
6. Students who damage or deface a bus or equipment on a bus will be held liable for such damage; parents will also be financially responsible for any damage to a bus or equipment on a bus.
7. Students must not, at any time, extend their arms or heads out of a bus window.
8. The use of tobacco, drugs or any controlled substance in any form on a school bus is prohibited by state law.
9. Indecent or profane language is not permitted.
10. Bus windows shall not be opened without the driver's permission.
11. Students boarding a bus at a point where others exit from it will always stand back away from the door and let those who are getting off out before they attempt to board the bus.
12. Students must keep the bus clean.

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