

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The school committee and its staff share with students and parents the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. The authority for enforcing school committee requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with the principal.

To ensure the safety of all students who ride in buses, it may occasionally be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who abuses this privilege. Parents of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with regulations approved by the school committee.

***Students engaged in extra-curricular activities and academic events will be allowed to ride the late busses. Students detained for disciplinary matters are not entitled to the privilege of late bus transportation.***

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2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption: 12/3/02

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### PROCEDURES FOR DRIVERS AND PARENTS:

1. In case of any misconduct on a bus, the incident will be reported on the proper form to the school principal. The principal will report the incident in writing to the parent concerned with a copy to the superintendent.
2. In case of a repetition by the same student, the principal will suspend the student's transportation privileges with written notice to the parent to report at once with the child to the superintendent's office.
3. After a second offense and a conference with the superintendent, if a third such incident occurs, bus privileges will be denied the student and the responsibility for transportation will then rest with the parent.

### LOADING AND UNLOADING AT BUS STOP:

1. Riders must be on time. Bus drivers will not wait.
2. Riders will enter or leave the bus at regular stops only.
3. Orderly behavior and respect for private property will be required.
4. Instructions and directions of the driver must be followed by the riders when entering or leaving the bus.

### REQUIRED CONDUCT ABOARD THE BUS:

1. Riders must remain in seats or in place when the bus is in motion.
2. Whistling and shouting are not permitted.
3. Profanity and obscene language are forbidden.

4. Smoking is prohibited.
5. The following disturbances are prohibited:
  - Pushing or Wrestling
  - Annoying other passengers or disturbing their possessions
  - Talking to the driver.
  - Throwing objects within the bus or out of windows
  - Climbing over seats
  - Opening or closing windows
  - Leaning out of windows
  - Littering the bus
6. Parents will be held responsible for any defacing or damaging of the bus.

Parents and students will be informed of these regulations at the beginning of each school year and parents will be asked to return signed forms indicating that the regulations have been received and read.

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