
STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Background

It is acknowledged that riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right and that it is an extension of the school hallways. Therefore, misbehavior on the bus is dealt with by the appropriate Principal. To help students understand appropriate behavior it is expected that families review appropriate behavior with their students each year.

Procedures

1. The following is the standard of conduct that applies to all students riding school buses:
 - 1.1. Conduct must be orderly at all times.
 - 1.2. There is to be no moving around on the buses while such vehicles are in motion. Students shall take seats assigned to them by the bus driver when told to do so.
 - 1.3. Passengers must remain in their seats until the bus comes to a complete stop.
 - 1.4. Students are not to put heads/arms out of open windows.
 - 1.5. No eating of lunches other articles of food on the buses unless special permission has been granted.
 - 1.6. While talking among students is permitted, there is to be no undue noise.
 - 1.7. Students must line up for the bus, as instructed by the supervising school personnel, to embark on the bus.
 - 1.8. Upon leaving the bus, students must cross in front of bus while lights are flashing.
 - 1.9. Any damage to a bus must be paid for by a student or his/her parents.
 - 1.10. Students must obey the directions of the bus driver. All cases of misbehaviour on school buses shall be reported to the Principal by Transportation staff, who will contact the parents. Any misbehaviour could result in suspension from riding on the school bus. Serious misbehaviour will result in suspension from school.
 - 1.11. Smoking or vaping on a school bus is strictly prohibited. (This applies to students, drivers and teachers.)
 - 1.12. Students must provide the Principal with written permission from their parents to disembark at other than their normal location.
 - 1.13. On-board video surveillance will be used to determine damages and answer questions regarding student behavior while on the bus.

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

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