

STUDENTS**Conduct****Bus Conduct**

The Board of Education is responsible for the health and safety of pupils in its care. Because the conduct of pupils on buses is directly related to the driver's control of the vehicle and to the safety of all pupils in it, the Board considers bus misconduct, as defined in the regulations, to be of a very serious nature and therefore subject to disciplinary action. Such action may require suspension or expulsion, temporary or permanent, from bus privileges or even of suspension from school for a period of time.

The driver of a school bus is expected to exercise disciplinary authority to the best of his/her ability while the bus is in operation and to make referrals to the appropriate school officials because of infraction of regulations by misbehaving pupils. School officials will in turn take necessary actions as permitted under Board approved regulations in the manner as they would take action for in-school misconduct.

Bus conduct regulations will be issued annually to pupils using the buses and to their parents or legal guardians.

In addition, each principal will annually and as early as possible in the new school year explain the bus regulations to pupils so that there is no question of the requirements or of the actions which the school officials can take. From time to time school officials will review regulations for the benefit of pupils, conduct safety campaigns, and otherwise educate pupils to the benefits of good deportment aboard buses. The goal is the personal safety of every pupil.

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