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Saint Paul Public Schools Policy

707.02

707.02 TRANSPORTATION: STUDENT CONDUCT

1. Transportation service is a privilege that is granted to the student contingent upon the exhibition of proper behavior according to set guidelines.
2. Minnesota statutes provide that transportation is a privilege and not a right for an eligible student. Students shall be required to conduct themselves in a manner which is consistent with established standards for classroom behavior as listed in the *Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* and in the publications of the District Transportation Department while riding on the school bus and while at the school bus stop. Parents or guardian are responsible for ensuring that their children know and understand these standards of conduct.
3. While Minnesota statutes require, or allow, the District to furnish transportation to eligible students, it does not relieve parents or guardian of transported students from the responsibility of supervision of their children until such time as their child boards the bus in the morning and after their child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Once a student boards the school bus, and only at that time does he or she become the responsibility of the School District. The District's responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular school bus stop at the close of the school day.
4. In cases where transported students do not conduct themselves properly on a school bus, the bus driver shall report the unacceptable student conduct to the school principal on the District Incident Report Form.
5. Conduct on the school bus and the penalties assessed for misconduct, are primarily the responsibility of the building principal, however the Chief Academic Officer and the Transportation Administrator may become involved in student discipline matters as necessary. Incidents of unacceptable student conduct shall be dealt with promptly, following an investigation by building principal (or designee), and that discipline will be applied uniformly and fairly throughout the District.
6. Students who cause serious or repeated disciplinary problems on the school bus shall have their riding privileges suspended or revoked. The parent or guardian shall be responsible for ensuring that the student travels safely to and from school.
7. If it is determined that a student is responsible for vandalism to a school bus, either owned by the District or under contract to the District, the parent or guardian shall be responsible for making restitution to the District for the cost of the repairs to the school bus.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

CROSS REFERENCES:

707.00, Transportation: Eligibility

707.04, Transportation: Student School Bus Safety Training

707.05, Transportation: Type III School Buses

710.00, Transportation: Field, Athletic, Community Education Trips