

Student Conduct on School Buses

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. He/she will report the incident in writing to the parent concerned.
2. The Principal will suspend the student's transportation privileges as he or she sees fit with written notice to the parent.
3. The length of the suspension will be determined by the principal 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.
5. No Kindergarten student will be dropped off without a parent or guardian present for pickup.

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. No food or drink to and from school or on field trips.
5. Smoking is prohibited.

6. 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

7. 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.

SOURCE: MASC

NOTE: The coding indicates that the identical regulation is also filed in the J (Student) section. It is advisable that regulations in this area bear the School Committee's official stamp of approval.