

Students

SUBJECT: BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Sweet Home Central School District furnishes transportation to those students whose disability or distance from the school make the service essential. Except as otherwise mandated in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), riding these buses is a privilege and may be withdrawn if the student does not comply with the rules and regulations set forth in this District.

Students riding school buses are expected to conform to the rules of conduct in order to permit the bus driver to transport his/her passengers safely.

The bus driver is primarily responsible for student safety and for rider discipline on his/her vehicle in the absence of a certified person in charge of students. Students are expected to obey any reasonable request of the driver.

If, in the opinion of the driver, a student refuses a driver's request, the driver shall submit a School Bus Driver's Report to the Transportation Supervisor who in turn, shall notify the appropriate Principal.

In filing his/her report, the driver must relate all of the incident details. If the incident is of sufficient severity or a repeat of minor but constant violations of the behavior code, the Transportation Supervisor in cooperation with the School Principal, may determine that a suspension of bus riding privileges is advisable to maintain passenger safety and discipline.

Only the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designees shall be empowered to suspend a student from the daily privilege of riding a school bus to and from school. The Superintendent of Schools' designee for such purposes shall be the School Principal and/or the Transportation Supervisor.

If the Transportation Supervisor and/or the School Principal acting as the Superintendent's designee, decides to suspend the bus riding privileges of the student, he/she then must notify the student, the student's parents, preferably by telephone, followed by a written communication with copies being sent to the Superintendent of Schools and to the School Principal or Transportation Supervisor as appropriate.

Where transportation privileges are to be suspended for a period exceeding five (5) school days, a request for a student hearing shall be honored.

Students, on their regularly scheduled daily bus run, may not be refused pickup, riding or drop off privileges, on the day of their misconduct unless parents are so notified by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee ahead of time.

Students who attempt to ride a late bus after leaving school grounds without permission or who attempt to ride a bus other than his/her normal run without the authority of a school official, shall not be permitted transportation without the permission of the Building Principal or his/her designee.

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Where the Principal or designee is not available, the bus driver may grant permission. In such cases however, the student shall be reported to the Principal the next day or as soon as practicable.

Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), 20 USC Sections 1400-1485
8 NYCRR Part 156