

**SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM
(REGULATION)**

Once a child boards the school bus – and only at that time – he or she becomes the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

Children shall be required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with the established standards for classroom behavior.

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following rules and regulations shall govern the conduct of school bus passengers:

- 1.** Students and other school bus passengers shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with good classroom behavior while waiting for and traveling on school buses. Misconduct will be brought to the attention of parents and the principal by the school bus driver or director of transportation
- 2.** The noise level on school buses must remain at a low level to enable the bus driver to hear emergency and train signals. Therefore, passengers must not shout, sing, or otherwise cause any disturbance that may distract the driver.
- 3.** Tobacco use or the consumption of food or beverages is not permitted on school buses
- 4.** School bus windows must remain closed unless the driver permits them to be opened. When windows are open, passengers must not throw objects from windows or extend any part of the body through a window
- 5.** Any passenger who defaces or vandalizes a school bus in any way shall be immediately suspended from riding school buses. The first suspension shall be for five days; the second suspension shall be for the remainder of that school year. No suspended

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student shall be permitted to resume the school bus privilege until all damages for which the student was responsible are paid

- 6.** For misconduct other than vandalism, the bus driver will report the misconduct to the transportation director. The principal, and parent will be notified of the action taken in response to the misconduct.

- 7.** Students must board the school bus at designated bus stops, if any, and at school bus boarding areas on school premises. Students must remain orderly until the bus comes to a complete stop and boarding permission is given by the driver. Seats may be assigned at the driver's discretion. Passengers must be seated immediately. Seats may not be held for later passengers, and must be shared when necessary

- 8.** After the bus is enroute, passengers must remain seated until the bus is stopped. Upon exiting the bus, passengers must move away from the bus. The school bus will not move until the passenger can be observed by the driver. If a passenger must cross the street to reach the residence, the passenger will advise the driver

In the event a child does not conduct himself or herself properly on the school bus, the student's bus riding privileges may be suspended. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for ensuring that their children get to and from school safely. Suspension from riding the bus does not constitute an excuse for absence from school.