

**STUDENT RULES AND CONDUCT ON THE SCHOOL BUS**

*See Also: Policy EEA, EEACC & JICC*

1. Pupil shall arrive at the bus stop at least five (5) minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. Pupil shall wait in a safe place, clear of traffic until the bus stops, door is open, red flashing lights are on, and the driver has directed you to proceed.
3. Pupil shall wait in an orderly line and avoid horseplay.
4. Pupil shall cross the road or street in front of the bus only after the bus has come to a complete stop and upon direction of the driver (10-foot minimum crossing distance).
5. Pupil shall go directly to an available or assigned set when entering the bus and move in toward the window.
6. Pupil shall remain seated until they have reached their designated stop and the bus has come to a complete stop. Aisles and exits must be kept clear at all times and emergency door will be used for emergencies only.
7. Everyone shall observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully. The driver is in complete charge of the bus and his/her decisions and requests must be followed.
8. Pupil is permitted to carry only objects that can be held on his/her lap.
9. Pupil shall refrain from throwing or passing objects on, from or into buses.
10. Pupil shall refrain from eating and drinking on the bus.
11. Pupil shall respect the rights and safety of others.
12. Pupil shall refrain from leaving or boarding the bus at locations other than assigned stops at home or school. Students may ride only the bus that they have been assigned. (Exceptions will only be made with a note from a principal.)
13. Pupil is prohibited from extending head, arms or objects out of the bus windows. Students will not be allowed to lower windows without permission of the driver.
14. Only authorized riders will be permitted on the bus.
15. When necessary, students will be expected to sit three passengers to a seat.
16. Pupil is prohibited from using tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or any controlled substance. The police will be notified whenever a student is involved with the possession and/or use of alcohol, drugs, or any illegal substances.
17. Pupil shall refrain from the use of profane language, obscene gestures, excessive noise, fighting, wrestling or acts of physical aggression on the bus.

18. Pupil shall not carry hazardous material, nuisance items and animals onto the bus.
19. Pupil is prohibited from hitching rides via bumper or other parts of the bus.
20. Students/Parents will be held responsible for any and all damages to the bus perpetrated by the student.

There may be circumstances that could result in immediate suspension from the bus -- such disciplinary action to be at the discretion of the appropriate school administrator. The following procedure will be used whenever rules 1 through 15 have been violated:

FIRST OFFENSE will result in a letter of warning with a copy sent to the student's parents/guardians, and a copy kept on file in the School Administrator's Office and the Transportation Coordinator.

SECOND OFFENSE will result in one (1) hour after school detention. Parents must be notified prior to the implementation of the detention. It becomes the parents/guardians' responsibility to transport or arrange other transportation for their children home after a detention.

THIRD OFFENSE will result in an immediate five (5) day suspension from ANY bus. (This includes field trips, sports events or any activities.)

All suspensions represent school days, not calendar days.

For infractions 16 through 20 the following procedures will be followed:

FIRST OFFENSE will be an immediate five (5) day suspension from ALL buses.

SECOND OFFENSE will be an immediate ten (10) day suspension from ALL buses.

THIRD OFFENSE will result in the immediate suspension from ANY bus. "RSA 189:9 -- Pupils prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 189:6-8, the Superintendent, or his representative as designated in writing, is authorized to suspend the right of pupils from riding in a school bus when said pupils fail to conform to the reasonable rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the school board. Any suspension to continue beyond twenty (20) school days must be approved by the school board. Said suspension shall not begin until the next school day following the day notification of suspension is sent to the pupil's parent or legal guardian.

- I. If a pupil has been denied the right to ride a school bus for disciplinary reasons, the parent or guardian of that pupil has right of appeal within ten (10) days of suspension to the authority that suspended this pupil's right.
- II. Until the appeal is heard, or if the suspension of pupil's right to ride the school bus is upheld, it shall be the parents' or guardians' responsibility to provide transportation to and from school for that pupil for the period of the suspension.

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