

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL BUS PASSENGERS

Background

It is the practice of the District to provide transportation for certain students in its schools. However, parents remain responsible for supervision until such time as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once the student boards the bus (and only at that time) does he or she become the responsibility of the District. In view of this, the District regards the bus as an extension of the classroom, and all students are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the same standards of behaviour that have been set for the classroom.

The District supports its schools in maintaining optimum student conduct.

Procedures

Students violating these rules may be reported to the transportation supervisor and may be suspended from riding the bus until assurance is received, in writing, from both parents and the student that these rules will be observed.

1. Bus drivers are in full charge of the school bus at all times and students must obey them.
2. Bus drivers may assign a seat for which the student is responsible. Failure to follow the bus driver's direction may result in loss of bus riding privileges.
3. Students are expected to be at their bus stop five minutes prior to scheduled bus departure time.
4. Unnecessary conversation with the driver is prohibited.
5. The District Code of Conduct is to be observed on the bus. Any disturbance which takes the driver's attention and endangers the safe operation of the bus is prohibited.
6. All school buses are District property; all District policies and administrative procedures are in effect.
7. Students must not litter the bus. Throwing anything in or around the bus is prohibited.
8. Vandalism on the bus will not be tolerated; any damage thus caused, will be charged in accordance with the provisions of the School Act.
9. Students must not extend any articles or parts of their body out the windows.
10. Students must remain seated while the bus is in motion.

11. Only those students who are regular bus students are allowed to travel, to and from school, on the school buses.
12. After having received written or verbal parental authorization, an administrative officer, after checking with the driver, may authorize students, other than regular bus students, to ride on the bus. The Principal's written authorization must be presented to the bus driver by the student.
13. Students will only be allowed to get off the bus at their regular stops unless a note from the parent is presented to the driver. Drivers will retain notes for 24 hours.
14. When leaving the bus, students are expected to follow the directions of the driver. Students must always ensure that vehicle traffic has stopped or cleared before they cross the road.
15. All buses have digital recording devices, and they may be used without warning.

Reference: Section 6, 7, 11, 17, 20, 22, 65, 79, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89

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