

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSESSES

Students using District transportation must understand that they are under the jurisdiction of the School from the time they board the bus until they exit the bus. Additionally, Board policy JICDD applies to “out-of-school” student conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct at or near school bus stops.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop rules and regulations for conduct on buses, which shall be printed in the Parent-Student Handbook, made available on the District and/or school website, and provided in other languages as needed.

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of the District and under the immediate control of the bus driver. The driver of the bus, along with the bus monitor, if applicable, shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students transported. Although the primary responsibility of the driver is to safely transport students to and from school, they are also the “first line of defense” when maintaining order and safety during transport. Drivers will use a Discipline Referral form to provide details regarding unacceptable student behavior which will be given to the Assistant Principal. The Assistant Principal will take appropriate action to determine the response to the behavior; camera surveillance may be used to investigate certain behaviors (see policy ECAF).

Failure to abide by the school’s bus conduct rules, may result in a student being denied or suspended from the privilege of transportation in accordance with the RSA 189:9-a. Additionally, conduct on District transportation is subject to additional interventions, supports or consequences as provided in the Parent/Student Handbook.

If a student loses the privilege of riding the bus (“transportation suspension”), advance warning will be given, except for misconduct that threatens the health, safety or welfare of other students, staff, or any other person. Parents/guardians of students who have had bus privileges suspended have a right to appeal the suspension within 10 calendar days to the person who issued the original suspension. Transportation suspensions exceeding 20 days must be approved by the Board. Transportation suspensions shall not begin until the next school day following the day written notification of suspension is sent to the pupil’s parent/guardian. The Superintendent shall include such appeal and review procedures in the School Bus Conduct Rules referenced in the preceding paragraph. Transportation suspensions may extend to all District transportation according to the Student Bus Conduct Rules.

Parents are expected to transport their child to and from school during times of suspension. If a student cannot find transportation during a suspension, he/she is responsible for completing all missed class/homework.

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