

**Student Conduct on School Buses**

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The Board of Education will provide transportation for students under provisions of state law and regulations. The Superintendent of Schools shall administer the operation so as to:

- provide for maximum safety of students; and
- supplement and reinforce desirable student behavior.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the reporting and handling of disciplinary matters.

The bus driver will have responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the bus company, who will notify the student's principal.

The principal will have the authority to take appropriate disciplinary action for students engaging in misconduct on a school bus, in accordance with procedures established by the Superintendent.

Students must cooperate and maintain good conduct to ensure a safe transportation system.

1. Students shall stand in an orderly manner and out of the traffic lane at bus stops.
2. Students shall be at the bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled pickup.
3. Students shall move to enter or exit a bus only when the bus has come to a full stop and the doors are opened.
4. Students shall be respectful of the driver and each other.
5. Students must remain seated at all times on the bus.

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6. Students shall not fight at any time on the bus. Students are to keep hands, feet and objects to themselves and within the bus.
7. Students shall not throw items in the bus or out of the bus.
8. Students shall not eat, drink or smoke on the bus.
9. Students shall keep the aisle of the bus free of all objects.
10. Students may have conversations, but shouting is not permitted.
11. Students shall respect the property of others.
12. Students shall not distract the bus driver.
13. Students, when necessary, must cross in front of the school bus, within the driver's view and await the driver's signal to cross.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Board of Education approved student handbook.

**Legal Reference:****Connecticut General Statutes**

10-186 Duties of local and regional Boards of Education

10-220 Duties of Boards of Education

10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules

10-233c Suspension of students

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