

**POLICY**

2001

Students

**STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

The Board of Education believes it is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses, both to ensure their safety and that of other passengers, as well as to ensure the least possible distractions for bus drivers.

Some students are eligible for district transportation. While the law requires the district to furnish transportation for such students, it does not relieve parents of the responsibility for supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Only after a child boards the bus does he/she become the responsibility of the district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

Since the school bus may be regarded as an extension of the classroom, children are required to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving and fighting will not be tolerated. It is important that those waiting for buses conduct themselves properly in respect to the rights and property of others.

Bus drivers will report instances of student misconduct on the bus to the student's Building Principal in writing no later than the next school day following the misconduct. Complete procedures for addressing student misconduct on school buses and parental complaints are found in 5320-R.

Cross-ref: 4332.1, Student Transportation for School Sponsored Travel  
8414, School Bus Safety

Ref: Education Law §3635  
*Matter of Hale*, 30 EDR 26 (1990)

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