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STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES REGULATION

Student Discipline

Although the bus drivers are responsible for maintaining order on the bus, the types of actions that they may use are limited. They may never use corporal punishment. They have no authority to deny a child the privilege of riding the bus, or leave the student at any location other than the designated stop. Only school officials have the authority to deny bus-riding privileges.

If any incident warranting disciplinary action takes place on the bus (i.e., any incident that violates the student code of conduct as published in the Student Handbook), the driver is responsible for completing and submitting a Misconduct Report to the building principal. The Misconduct Report must be filed the same day the misconduct occurred for the morning bus run or the next day if the misconduct occurred on the afternoon run. The building principal will investigate the report. If the principal determines that misconduct has occurred, he/she will notify the parents/guardians of the student who committed the misconduct within 24 hours of receipt of the bus driver's report and will also send a copy of the report. In the event of serious infractions (as determined by the principal), the principal will notify the parents/guardians of the student who committed the misconduct by phone the same day the report is received from the bus driver. The principal will also provide the bus driver with a copy of the completed misconduct report. Consequences for student misconduct are described in the student handbooks for each individual school.

Children who become serious disciplinary problems may have their riding privileges suspended by the building principal. In such cases, the parents/guardians of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely. In the event that the suspension from transportation amounts to a suspension from school, the school district will make appropriate arrangements to provide for the student's education. Any such suspension shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law.

Students with disabilities can only be suspended consistent with the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Article 89 of the Education Law.

Parent Complaints

Parents/guardians who have complaints about any situation that has occurred with their child on the bus should call the building principal to report their concerns. The building principal will contact the transportation supervisor and report back to the parents within 24 hours of the complaint.

Parents who have complaints about the bus driver's performance or conduct should call the transportation supervisor directly to lodge the complaint. The transportation supervisor will investigate the complaint and report back to the parent within 24 hours of the complaint.

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If parents are not satisfied with the outcome of a complaint investigation, they may contact the Superintendent for additional investigation.

Cross-ref: 4315.2, Safety Education
8135, Safe Schools
8410, Student Transportation
8414.4, Video Cameras of School Buses

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Matter of Hale, 30 EDR 26 (1990)

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