

**SUBJECT: STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

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The law does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision before the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a child boards the bus - and only at that time - does he / she become the responsibility of the school system. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board requires children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

The bus driver is expected to inform the transportation director or building principal when a child fails to conduct him / herself properly on a bus.

The transportation director or building principal will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in addressing the child's behavior.

The building principal may suspend the riding privileges of children who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus. In such cases, the parent(s) of children involved will become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

The Superintendent / designee will be responsible for developing rules for student conduct on school buses and determining the consequences for violating such rules.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5401

Cross Reference: EEA - Student Transportation Services

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