

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION FOR
STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES/SAFETY EDUCATION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this directive is to establish necessary rules and regulations considered necessary to the orderly carrying out of School Committee Policy EAEAC and the insurance of safety on school buses.

STATEMENT OF RULES:

Listed below are rules that have been established to insure appropriate behavior, efficiency of bus runs and safety for students. Students are required to follow these procedures and rules and others as established from time to time as approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

1. Students should be at the bus stop ten minutes before stop time.
2. Do not stand or play in the roadway while waiting for the bus.
3. Enter and leave the bus only when the door is fully open and directed by the driver or monitor and never when the bus is in motion. Approach the bus only upon direction of the driver or monitor.
4. Do not push or shove on entering or leaving the bus.
5. When boarding the bus, take the first seat available and remain seated for duration of trip. The driver at their discretion may assign seats, as necessary, to keep order on the bus.
6. The purpose of assigning seats is to insure sound control practices including student inflicted damage to the bus. Parents of students damaging school buses will be responsible for restitution. Bus riding privileges may be suspended until restitution is made.
7. Students should leave the bus promptly and clear the danger zones around the bus. Danger zones are ten (10) feet in front of the bus and three (3) feet on each side. No student should ever be in the rear of the bus. Students should not linger at the bus stop.
8. Do not cross the highway until given consent by the bus driver or monitor and be sure to cross the highway at least ten feet in front of the bus, never behind it.
9. Conduct yourself on the bus as you would in school. The bus driver is in charge of the bus and responsible for students. Students must obey the driver promptly and willingly in order to insure the safety of all riders.

10. Be respectful to your bus driver. Drivers have an important job to do and need your help.
11. Do not enter into conversation with the bus driver while the bus is in motion, except to report an emergency.
12. Do not project your hands, arms or other parts of your body from bus windows or doors.
13. Do not throw anything out of bus windows.
14. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
15. Keep lunch boxes, books and athletic equipment, etc. out of the aisles.
16. Do not smoke or light matches on the bus.
17. Do not bring anything on the bus that could cause injury to another student such as sticks, breakable containers, any object commonly defined as a weapon, such as a knife, gun or club, or any other object which could be used as an instrument with intent to do harm to another individual.
18. Do not bring animals on the bus, except for a muzzled "seeing eye" dog.
19. Do not bring large musical instruments on the bus, i.e., tuba, bass viol, etc. Other arrangements should be made by the parent/guardian for the transportation of large musical instruments.
20. Do not fight, run or use vulgar, crude or offensive language and avoid loud, boisterous talk or other noises or actions that might distract the driver.
21. Assist in keeping the bus clean by not leaving waste paper or other items on the floor.
22. Written permission of parent and school authorities will be required in order for a student to ride on a bus other than his or her regular bus or to leave the bus except at his or her regular bus stop. Any deviation from riding a student's normal bus requires the written request of the parent, consent of the building principal and approval of the transportation provider.

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