

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Students using school buses and other District transportation must understand that they are under the jurisdiction of the School from the time they board the bus until they exit the bus. Additionally, School Board policy JICDD applies to “out-of-school” student conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct at or near school bus stops.

If a student is to lose the privilege of riding the bus, advance warning will be given, except for extreme misconduct.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop rules and regulations for conduct on buses, (See District administrative School Bus Conduct Rules JICC-R) and these shall be printed in the Parent-Student Handbook, made available on the District and/or School website, and provided in other languages or presented orally upon request.

Failure to abide by the School Bus Conduct Rules, continued disorderly conduct, or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver may result in a student to be denied or suspended from the privilege of transportation in accordance with the RSA 189:9-a, and applicable District rules and procedures. (See JICC-R.) Additionally, conduct on District transportation is subject to additional interventions, supports or consequences as provided in the Student Code of Conduct.

If a student is to lose the privilege of riding the bus, advance warning will be given, except for extreme misconduct that threatens or the health, safety or welfare of other students, staff or any other person. Parents/guardians of students who have had bus privileges suspended have a right to appeal the suspension within 10 calendar days to the person who issued the original suspension. Transportation suspensions exceeding 20 days must be approved by the School Board. Transportation suspensions shall not begin until the next school day following the day written notification of suspension is sent to the pupil’s parent/guardian. The Superintendent shall include such appeal and review procedures in the School Bus Conduct Rules referenced in the preceding paragraph. Transportation suspensions may extend to all District transportation according to the Student Bus Conduct Rules.

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of the District and under control of the bus driver. The driver of the bus, along with the bus monitor, if applicable, is responsible for the orderly conduct of the students transported. Each driver and monitor has the support of the School Board in maintaining good conduct on the bus.

### Legal Reference:

*RSA 189:6-a, School Bus Safety*

*RSA 189:9-a, Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(d)(1), School Safety*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f)(4), Student Discipline*

**Legal References Disclaimer:** *These references are not intended to be considered part of this policy, nor should they be taken as a comprehensive statement of the legal basis for the Board to enact this policy, nor as a complete recitation of related legal authority. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

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