

STUDENTS

5131.1

Bus Conduct

School transportation privileges are extended to students conditional upon their satisfactory behavior on the bus.

Students will be advised that they may be suspended from transportation services for unsatisfactory conduct while awaiting or receiving transportation to and from school, which endangers persons or property or violates a board policy or administrative regulation.

1. The bus driver is in full charge of the bus and of the pupils being transported in it. In the interest of the safety of all, s/he must sometimes take responsibility for controlling those pupils who seem unable to control their own behavior. If there should be horseplay, profanity, smoking, hanging out of windows, use of emergency exits or other undesirable behavior, the following steps must be taken:

- a. The bus driver will stop the bus and warn the offenders.
- b. If the misconduct does not cease, the driver will report the names of the offenders, in writing or in person, to the elementary school Principal, who will inform the parents.
- c. Continuance of misbehavior will cause the Principal to remove the student's privilege of riding the school buses for a period to be determined by the Principal. The student and her/his parents will still be responsible for his regular attendance at school.

2. The Principal is the local executive of the Board of Education, which is responsible for transportation for all pupils. As such, s/he has a responsibility for public school pupils attending school in town or at a regional technical school.

3. The Parents have the major responsibility for the behavior of their children, at home and away from home. It is seldom that any action to curb objectionable behavior will have to go beyond informing the parents about it.

4. The Pupils, particularly those in the older age groups, should be able to show responsible citizenship.

5. The Board authorizes the principal to suspend students from transportation as provided for in board policy 5131.

(cf. 5114 Suspension/Expulsion; Due Process)

(cf. [5131.5](#) Vandalism)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school

attendance

10-220 Duties of board of education

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

10-233c Suspension of students

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