

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Background

The Division requires that student conduct on school buses is consistent with that expected of the student in the classroom. The safety of all students and the driver is of utmost importance while on the school bus and, therefore, it is important that all students follow the school bus rules.

Procedures

1. Posting of Rules
 - 1.1. Rules are to be developed by the Manager of Transportation.
 - 1.2. Rules are to be posted in each bus by the driver.
 - 1.3. Bus Drivers will follow rules set out in the [Bus Drivers' Handbook](#).
2. Failing to Abide by Rules
 - 2.1. If the student is failing to abide by the rules, the driver will discuss the expectations with the student in a supportive, positive way.
 - 2.2. If the behaviour continues or is of a serious nature, the driver will submit form [351-1 Student Conduct Form](#) to the Principal following any concerning student behaviours on the bus.
 - 2.3. The Principal will review the expectations for riding the bus with the student and inform the student's parent of the circumstances and consequences of not following the school bus rules.
 - 2.4. A student who fails to abide by the rules, or who misbehaves on a bus may be denied bus transportation.
 - 2.5. The Principal may suspend a student from riding the bus for up to three days per incident. The first day of the suspension is to be the school day following the day the student and parent are informed of the suspension by the Principal. The Principal, in collaboration with Superintendent of Schools, Transportation Manager and Bus driver, reserves the right to alter consequences according to severity of incident.
 - 2.6. As with all student conduct, progressive discipline may apply and include an increased suspension. If a behaviour is a major offense then the type and length of suspension will be determined by the Principal with the direction from the Superintendent of Schools and Manager of Transportation.

- 2.7. The Principal is to immediately inform the Manager of Transportation and the Superintendent of Schools of the action taken and the reason for the suspension.
- 2.8. The Manager of Transportation is to inform the Director.
- 2.9. In the event that the Principal recommends a suspension exceeding three days, the Superintendent of Schools will decide on appropriate action to be taken in accordance with Administrative Procedure 355 – Student Discipline.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 150, 151, 152, 153, 175, 231, Education Act
Section 45, 46, School Division Administration Regulation

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