

Bus Conduct Code

Since the bus is considered an extension of the school, you are subject to all school rules once you board the bus. Additionally, you are responsible for following school bus rules as designated by each school district and the State of New Hampshire. These may include but are not limited to the following:

1. You must keep the aisle clear at all times.
2. You must remain seated while the bus is moving and until the bus stops.
3. You must keep your head, hands and arms inside the bus.
4. You must not eat on the bus.
5. You must be courteous and talk quietly with no foul language.
6. You must treat the driver and other students with respect.
7. You must not throw any objects.
8. You must treat the bus and equipment appropriately.
9. You must cross in front of the bus at the driver's signal.

While on the bus you are under the supervision of the bus driver. The bus driver will report incidents of inappropriate behavior to the school immediately by completing a written incident report. Upon a referral, the building principal or administrator may impose any of the following consequences for the first or subsequent offense, depending upon the severity of that offense and the necessity to protect the safety of other students who ride the bus. If at any time you are uncomfortable on the bus you should report this to the bus driver and/or the Principal.

First Incident

The Principal or his/her designee will meet with you. You will be assigned consequences depending upon the nature and severity of the incident. Consequences can range from a warning, detention, bus privilege suspension, or more. The bus driver or Transportation Coordinator will be informed of the status of the incident within 24 and each day thereafter until consequences are determined.

Second Incident

The Principal or his/her designee will hold a meeting with you and your parent or guardian. Bus privileges will be suspended for up to 20 days.

Third Incident

The Principal will refer you to the superintendent and the school board with the recommendation of removal of transportation/bus privilege suspension.

Late Buses

When a 4:45 P.M. late bus is provided and you stay after school to meet with a teacher or participate in an extra-curricular activity or athletic practice/event you must obtain a late bus pass from your teacher, club advisor or coach in order to ride the late bus. Check with the driver for the exact route.

Transferring Buses

When you need to ride a different bus or get off at a different stop, you must bring a note (phone calls are not permitted) from your parent or guardian. Notes must be turned in by lunch time. The receptionist will issue a transfer bus pass to you to present to the bus driver.

Appeals

Appeals of administrative decisions must be made within 24 hours; however, the original decision will remain in effect pending an appeal.