

STUDENT CONDUCT ON A BUS

Background

The safety of passengers on a school bus is of primary importance. Therefore, the same level of conduct required within the classroom and school environment as per the *Education Act* is to be observed on school buses at all times.

Procedures

1. The driver is in full charge of the safe operation of the school bus at all times.
2. Students must always obey the driver and the orders of the monitor or patrol.
3. Students will remain seated when the bus is in motion.
4. If necessary, the driver will wait for students one (1) minute beyond the scheduled pick up time. Students who are habitually late will be reported to the principal for appropriate action.
5. The bus will not leave the school until seven (7) minutes after the closing of school unless the load is complete. The school bus horn may be sounded before departure from school.
6. Student misconduct will be reported by the driver to the principal if corrective action is necessary. The principal will then deal with the matter as is deemed appropriate.
7. Students whose behaviour risks their safety, the safety of other riders, or the safe operation of the school bus will be reported immediately to the school principal and the Transportation Office to address.
8. Students unable to adhere to the rules on the school bus may be referred for permanent measures as required to address specific incidents or contexts.
9. In buses where video cameras have been installed, recordings may be reviewed by the principal, Transportation Services and/or the Office of the Superintendent.

Reference: Section 11,31,32,33,36,37,52,53,59,197,222,257 Education Act
Traffic Safety Act
School Transportation Regulation 96/2019 (Amended AR March 24/2023)

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