

STUDENT CONDUCT ON THE SCHOOL BUSES

The school bus is considered an extension of the classroom, therefore, students shall conduct themselves while on the bus in a manner consistent with standards for classroom behavior. In addition, bus rider rules shall be followed. Bus rider rules shall provide for safe and orderly transportation, and be distributed to students at the beginning of each school year.

A student is under the supervision of the school bus driver from the time he/she boards the bus until his/her departure from it. The bus driver is responsible for maintaining proper order on the bus. Bus drivers shall handle all cases of minor misconduct on the bus but shall not have authority to suspend a student's bus riding privileges. Bus drivers shall receive information and training on the appropriate handling of student misconduct on the school bus and related expectations on an annual basis.

In cases of continuing misconduct on the bus or misconduct that can lead to suspension of bus riding privileges, the misconduct should be reported to the building principal for action. A student's bus riding privileges may be suspended for:

1. Behavior that compromises safe busing;
2. Behavior that endangers health, safety or property;
3. Repeated violation of bus rider rules; or
4. Violation of any other Board policies or school rules governing student conduct.

Before suspension of bus riding privileges, the student's parent or guardian shall be notified.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Wisconsin Statutes

- Section 120.13(1) [school board power to adopt student conduct rules and discipline students]
Section 121.52(1)(b) [school board authority to adopt rules to protect students on school buses and govern bus driver conduct]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

- TRANS 300 state rules governing the transportation of school children, including driver and passenger requirements

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