

Administrative Procedure 351 - Student Conduct on School Buses

Background

The Division views all approved transportation to be an extension of the school, and the same rules and procedures that apply to students in the school would apply on the bus as well. It is essential that the safety of the student be the primary consideration at all times and the following procedures are intended to provide a safe and stress-free environment on the bus.

Procedures

1. The bus operator is in full charge of the bus. Students are expected to obey the bus operator or an assigned monitor as they would any school official.
2. Annually, principals will provide to parents information on expectations for student conduct on school buses either in writing or distributed through Email.
3. Students are expected to conduct themselves on school buses in an appropriate and safe manner, and consistent with behaviours in the classroom, including as outlined in this administrative procedure, [Administrative Procedure 560-1 Transportation Handbook and Safety Program](#), and [Administrative Procedure 350 - Student Code of Conduct](#).
4. School bus drivers are responsible to monitor the conduct of students as outlined in this administrative procedure. Consequences for behaviours are to be done by the responsible school principal, and bus drivers are to report inappropriate behaviours to the school principal.
5. The Principal may suspend students from the school bus in accordance with [Administrative Procedure 355 - Student Suspensions](#).
6. The Principal may recommend student expulsion from the school bus in accordance with [Board Policy 13 - Appeals Regarding Student Matters](#).
7. Student conduct which is deemed unsafe and represents harm or possible harm to other students or staff must be reviewed by the Deputy Superintendent, Director of Transportation, and Safety Coordinator, with recommendations made to the Superintendent. Recommendations could include parent-provided transportation or home-education arrangements.

Reference: Section 11, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 52, 53, 59, 197, 222, 257 Education Act
Traffic Safety Act
School Transportation Regulation 96/2019

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