# **CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Pursuant to NH RSA 189:9A, the School Board has adopted the following policy and regulations related thereto. The Superintendent of Schools has designated the principal as the school official having authority to make student suspensions from the bus.

When a child is suspended from riding the bus, IT BECOMES THE PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TRANSPORT THE CHILD ACCORDING TO NH LAW. Suspension shall not begin until the next school day following the day notification of suspension is sent to the student's parents. THIS IS A SUSPENSION FROM RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS AND NOT TO BE CONSIDERED A SUSPENSION FROM SCHOOL UNLESS SO INFORMED BY THE PRINCIPALS.

## **VIOLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS**

The following will not be allowed on a school bus:

#### IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION-NO WARNINGS

- 1. Fighting
- 2. Use of tobacco, alcohol, or narcotics
- 3. Vandalism
- 4. Throwing objects within the bus or out of the window

This list is not all-inclusive. Other actions that may constitute a safety hazard will also result in suspension of bus riding privileges after proper notification of parents.

#### STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES:

- 1. While on the bus students are under the control of the driver. The students must conduct themselves in a safe and orderly manner at all times.
- 2. It is the duty of the driver to seat students in a manner that creates the least amount of confusion in loading and unloading.

- 3. The driver will have the authority to assign seats. The driver shall not take it upon him or herself to put a student off the bus.
- 4. Students should conduct themselves in an orderly manner while waiting for the bus. All school regulations will be in effect while students are waiting for the bus.
- 5. Students will board the bus immediately and go directly to their seats and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- 6. Students will not be let off at a different stop without written permission.

### INFRACTIONS OF DISCIPLINE:

- 1. Written report of violations must be given to the principal within 24 hours.
- 2. Principal will notice parents of bus issues. Some violations will result in immediate suspension from riding the bus.
- 3. A second offense may result in suspension of bus riding privileges.
- 4. A third offense may automatically result in a 5 day suspension of bus riding privileges at the elementary level and 20 days at the secondary level.
- 5. Habitual offenders will be suspended from the bus for an indefinite period with School Board approval.
- 6. Any and all of the violations may also include in-school or out of school suspension as well depending upon the severity of the behavior.

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