

## Student Conduct on School Buses

Students using school buses and other District transportation are under the jurisdiction of the School from the time they board the bus until they exit the bus. Additionally, Board policy JICD applies to “out-of-school” student conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct at or near school bus stops.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop rules and regulations for conduct on buses. See District Administrative School Bus Conduct Rules JICC-R and these shall be printed in the Parent-Student Handbook, made available on the District and/or school website, and provided in other languages as needed.

Failure to abide by the School Bus Conduct Rules Continued, disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver may result in a student to be denied or suspended from the privilege of transportation in accordance with the RSA 189:9-a, and applicable District rules and procedures. See JICC-R. Additionally, conduct on District transportation is subject to additional interventions, supports or consequences as provided in the Student Code of Conduct.

If a student is to lose the privilege of riding the bus (“transportation suspension”), advance warning will be given, except for misconduct that threatens the health, safety or welfare of other students, staff or any other person. Parents/guardians of students who have had bus privileges suspended have a right to appeal the suspension within 10 calendar days to the person who issued the original suspension. Transportation suspensions exceeding 20 days must be approved by the Superintendent. Suspensions shall not begin until the next school day following the day written/verbal notification of suspension is sent to the pupil’s parent/guardian. Transportation suspensions may extend to all District transportation according to the Student Bus Conduct Rules.

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of the District and under control of the bus driver. The driver of the bus, along with the bus monitor, if applicable, is responsible for the orderly conduct of the students transported. Each driver and monitor has the support of the Board in maintaining good conduct on the bus.

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### **Legal References:**

*RSA 189:6-a, School Bus Safety*

*RSA 189:9-a, Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(d)(1), School Safety*

*NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.04(f)(4), Student Discipline*

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