



## Administrative Procedure 351

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# STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

## Background

It is the practice of the District to provide transportation for certain students in its schools. However, parents remain responsible for supervision until such time as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once the student boards the bus (and only at that time) do they become the responsibility of the District. In view of this, the District regards the bus as an extension of the classroom, and all students are required to conduct themselves in accordance with the same standards of behaviour that have been set for the classroom.

## Procedures

1. To ensure the safety of all who ride the buses, bus drivers are authorized to enforce these rules and to deal accordingly with students who violate them.
  - 1.1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students.
  - 1.2. Bus drivers are responsible for safety of students on the bus and may recommend to the principal that a student who becomes a safety concern may be suspended from riding. The length of the suspension will be at the discretion of the principal in consultation with the transportation manager and parents will be advised immediately of the suspension and its duration.
  - 1.3. No standing, smoking/vaping, eating or creating a disturbance of any kind is permitted on a school bus.
  - 1.4. Students may not open windows without the driver's permission.
  - 1.5. Students will not extend anything out of windows.
  - 1.6. Students must be on time for their bus, because bus drivers will not wait beyond the scheduled departure times at any stop. Students are asked to be at their stop five minutes prior to pick-up time.
  - 1.7. Bus stops will be placed only as agreed between the dispatcher and the transportation manager. Buses will run only on public roads and will stop in the safest places regardless of possible inconvenience to individual passengers.
  - 1.8. Musical instruments will be allowed on the bus provided that it will not impact student safety.

Reference: Sections 6, 7, 11, 17, 20, 22, 65, 79, 85 School Act  
School Regulation 265/89

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