



File EPD

### **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Acceptable student conduct on school buses is achieved through the cooperative efforts of Principals, Teachers, parents, Bus Drivers, and students.

In view of the fact that the school bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board shall require students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards of classroom behavior. Students being transported on a school bus are under the supervision, direction and control of the school Bus Driver, Teacher or other supervisor and shall be subject to the discipline of the Bus Driver, Teacher, or supervisor.

As provided by the regulations of the *Public Schools Act*, the Principal of a school whose students are being transported in the school bus has disciplinary authority over the conduct of the students during the period in which they are in, entering, or alighting from a school bus. Where a student in a school bus persists in conduct detrimental or hazardous to the welfare of the passengers, such conduct shall be reported by the Bus Driver to the Principal of the school and to the Supervisor of Operations. [M.R. 468/88 - 33 (1)(2)] [M.R. 465/88 (13)]

All regulations of the Division such as those pertaining to smoking, etc. shall be applicable to buses and students while being transported by a school bus at the designated site of pickup.

The Principal shall take appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the requirements of the *Public Schools Act*, School Division policy and the practices of the school.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended. Such suspension is under the authority of the School Principal in consultation with the Supervisor of Operations. All suspensions of riding privileges are to be immediately communicated, in writing, to the parent, Superintendent of Schools, and Board of Trustees stating the reason for, and duration of, the suspension. During the suspension of riding privileges the parents are responsible for transportation to and from school.

Appropriate student behavior on a school bus is vital to the safety of students being transported. The conduct of students on school buses shall be administered according to procedures which have been adopted by the Division to provide for the safety of transported students.  
(See EPD-R)