



**Policy: 6.35**

**SUBJECT:**                    **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

**Supersedes:**                Policy 5.31 (2001)  
**Effective:**                    September 8, 2008  
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**Approved by:**             Detroit Board of Education

## **1.0 Policy**

In addition to the following guidelines, the General Superintendent may develop other regulations and procedures for student conduct on school buses which effectuate the provisions of this policy as well as federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations. The Student Code of Conduct should also be consulted for rules and regulations pertaining to appropriate behaviors.

Although ultimate responsibility for student conduct on school buses rests with the student, this responsibility is also shared by the parents, bus drivers, bus attendants if provided, and building principals. The administration of disciplinary action for misconduct on buses rests with the building principal.

The following list of student responsibilities on Detroit public school buses will be distributed to each student receiving bus service. A copy will be sent home to parents/guardians, along with a statement saying that they have read and understand it. This statement is to be signed and returned to the school principal.

### **1.1 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES ON BUSES – REQUIREMENTS**

- 1.1.1** Take seat assigned by the transportation aide. Always remain seated while the bus is moving or when instructed to do so by the aide or driver.
- 1.1.2** Keep head and arms inside bus windows at all times
- 1.1.3** Throwing objects, regardless of their size, on the bus or out of the bus windows is dangerous and is strictly prohibited.
- 1.1.4** Keep conversations to a moderate volume. Shouting and/or making loud noises on the bus and/or out of the bus window can distract the driver and affect the safe operation of the bus.
- 1.1.5** Obey the instructions of the aide, driver and/or bus stop supervisors.
- 1.1.6** No eating on buses. Keep lunches and snacks in bags or containers while on the bus.

- 1.1.7 Be at the bus stop on time. Board the bus quietly and considerately without pushing or shoving.
- 1.1.8 Enter and leave the bus only at the front door after the bus has come to a complete stop and the driver or aide has dismissed you. In case of emergency, the driver or aide may give you other instructions.
- 1.1.9 Do not cross the street in front of the bus until the aide or bus driver indicates that it is safe for you to cross. In all instances, wait until the bus has left the stop and all traffic has cleared before crossing streets.
- 1.1.10 Respect the property of others on the way to and from the bus. When waiting for the bus, stay on the sidewalk. Pushing, shoving, and horseplay can result in injury to others and/or damage to property.
- 1.1.11 Tampering with parts of the bus, vandalizing, or damaging the bus in any way will affect the safe and comfortable ride for yourself and other students. Your parents will be held responsible for any deliberate damage which you do to a bus or bus stop. Report any bus damage you see to the driver or the aide.

## 1.2 DISCIPLINE IN BUSES

When a student has committed a misdeed and if verbal warnings are not heeded, the driver or aide will submit a written student misconduct report to the transportation supervisor for referral to the principal, who will determine the disciplinary action to be taken. This may be to deny the student future bus service.

Since the bus is an “extension of the school,” the principal will take appropriate action for misbehavior consistent with the Uniform Code of Student Conduct.

*Note: Additional information is available in the DPS Handbook for Transportation Personnel.*

**Attachments to Policy 6.35:** None

**See also:** None

**Legal References:** MCLA § 380.11a(3)(b) update

**Labor Contract References:** None

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MAINTENANCE AND AUXILIARY SERVICES  
STUDENT RULES/RESPONSIBILITIES ON BUSES/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STUDENT RULES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Student Rules/Responsibilities on Buses and acknowledge my understanding of the rules and responsibilities which my child is charged with following. I understand that a violation of any of these rules may result in the revocation of bus service to my child and that I will be responsible for providing transportation for my child in that event. I also understand that any deliberate damage done to the bus by my child will be my responsibility, financially and legally.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date