



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. Parents are responsible for the supervision of the student before he/she boards the bus from home and after he/she leaves the bus on drop-off at home.

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 behaviour. 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.

When a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a school bus, the incident is to be referred to the Principal of the school and Supervisor of Transportation. The principal will, if appropriate, inform the parents of the misconduct and request their cooperation in improving the student's behaviour. It is the principal's obligation to take disciplinary action against unacceptable behaviour whenever it is established that such action is warranted. If more than one school is involved, it is important that all the principals concerned are aware of the problems and the complexity of it.

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 Transportation. During the suspension of riding privileges the parents are responsible for transportation to and from school.

Drivers are not allowed to remove students from the bus at stops other than their assigned bus stop except under circumstances where there is an extreme safety hazard or a life threatening situation. Only the student's school administrator shall have the authority to deny or suspend bus riding privileges.

Video Cameras on School Buses

The Park West School Division Board of Trustees authorizes the use of video cameras on school buses for the purpose of monitoring student behaviour, thus providing a safer environment for the transportation of students. The reason for recording the transportation environment is to provide school officials, drivers and parents/guardians with documentation when dealing with student behaviour. When required, disciplinary action will be in accordance with policies and procedures on student responsibilities and rights.