

Policy for: STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES	Revision 0
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The Needham School Committee provides a safe, efficient, economical and punctual transportation program that extends the educational opportunities of all students.

Except as provided for in Policy #EEAFB, the term ‘school bus’ will mean all vehicles used to provide pupil transportation services, including school buses and vans.

The school bus is an extension of the classroom. Students riding the school buses are subject to the Code of Conduct which appears in the Student Handbooks for that student’s school. Bus drivers are required to report misbehavior to the Superintendent or designee for subsequent reporting to the Building Principal. The Building Principal or their designee, will take appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with the Handbook.

A student’s right to school bus transportation is a qualified right, dependent on good behavior. In cases where a student seriously or continuously misbehaves, parents/guardians will be notified by the Principal or designee of the school. Transportation privileges may be suspended or revoked, if in the opinion of the Principal, such action is necessary for the general safety and well-being of other students. If a student is suspended or excluded from the bus, the student’s parents/guardians will become responsible for transporting their children to and from school.

Under no circumstance will a driver remove any student from a school vehicle as a disciplinary measure.

The Superintendent of Schools or designee is responsible for establishing standards of behavior for students/ parents/guardians on or around school buses.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

M.G.L. c. 71 sec. 37H