

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

Students shall conduct themselves while on the school bus in a manner consistent with classroom standards. The school bus driver shall maintain order among student riders when they are being transported to and from school. He/she is recognized as a member of the school staff having the same jurisdiction over the students while enroute to and from school as an instructor in the classroom. Bus drivers are expected to treat students with courtesy and respect.

Bus rider rules shall be established by the District in coordination with the bus company and distributed to students and their parent(s)/guardian(s) at the beginning of each school year.

When continuing or serious bus misconduct problems exist, or a student rider refuses to submit to the authority of the bus driver, the student may be subject to one or all of the following:

- 1) disciplinary referral in accordance with the school bus handbook;
- 2) suspension from bus and/or school, for a limited time;
- 3) community service;
- 4) revocation of privileges for the remainder of the school year;
- 5) expulsion from school;
- 6) restitution – pay for damages;
- 7) referral to law enforcement.

In such situations, the building principal shall make the decision and shall notify the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) of the decision and the reason thereof. Due process procedures shall be followed in disciplining students regarding misconduct on the school bus. Prior to revocation of bus riding privileges, a meeting will be held with parent(s)/guardian(s).

Legal Ref.: Sections 120.13(1) and 121.52(1) Wisconsin Statutes