

SCHROON LAKE STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Board of Education believes it is crucial for students to behave appropriately while riding on district buses, to ensure their safety, that of other passengers, and the fewest possible distractions for bus drivers.

While the law requires the school district to furnish transportation, it does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Once a student boards the bus, and only at that time, does he/she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility ends when the student is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board shall require the students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. Excessive noise, pushing, shoving and fighting will not be tolerated. It is important that those waiting for buses conduct themselves properly in respect to the rights and property of others.

If a child does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, such instances shall be brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Schools by the bus driver.

A student who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the Superintendent. In such cases, the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely. Should the suspension from transportation amount to a suspension from attendance, the school district will make appropriate arrangements to provide for the student's education. Any such suspension shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law.

The Superintendent shall establish a detailed standard of behavior, whereby the safety of all children is protected, and shall set up procedures for handling violators of established rules of conduct.

Cross-ref: 8410, Student Transportation

Ref: Education Law '3635

Matter of Hale, 30 EDR 26 (1990)