

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The bus driver will have responsibility to maintain orderly behavior of students on school buses and will report misconduct to the student's principal.

The school principal will have the authority to suspend the riding privileges of students who are disciplinary problems on the bus by failing to conform to the rules and regulations promulgated by the School Board. See RSA 189:9-a. Parents of children whose pattern of behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of school bus riding privileges in accordance with the student discipline code.

Bus Conduct

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 the child boards the bus, and only at that time, does he/she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child leaves the bus 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 children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior. In cases when a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, such incidents are to be reported by the bus driver to the Conway School Principal immediately and in writing. As soon as possible the parents will be notified (letter to follow) as to what action will be taken, in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Relating to Public Schools 189:9-a Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons.

189:9-a Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons – Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 189:6-8, the superintendent, or a representative as designated in writing, is authorized to suspend the right of pupils from riding a school bus when said pupils fail to conform to the reasonable rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the school board. Any suspension to continue beyond 20 school days must be approved by the school board. Said suspension shall not begin until the next school day following the day notification of suspension is sent to the pupil's parent or legal guardian.

I. If a pupil has been denied the right to ride a school bus for disciplinary reasons, the parent or guardian of that pupil has a right of appeal within 10 days of suspension to the authority that suspended this pupil's right.

II. Until the appeal is heard, or if the suspension of pupil's right to ride the school bus is upheld, it shall be the parents' or guardians' responsibility to provide transportation to and from school for that pupil for the period of the suspension.