

MESSALONSKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (MSAD 47)

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STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

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 day.

Once a child boards the bus—and only at that time—does he or she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child 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 children to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

In cases when a child does not conduct him/herself properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the transportation director and/or building principal by the bus driver. The transportation director or building principal will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in checking the child's behavior.

Children who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal and/or transportation director and may also be subject to additional disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

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