

REGULATIONS FOR STUDENTS RIDING BUSES

Bus transportation for students enrolled in the school district is one of the requirements set forth by the Iowa State Department of Public Instruction. In complying with this requirement, the Board is authorized to establish policies and regulations that will ensure safe transportation for all students.

Although the law requires the district to provide transportation, it does not relieve parents from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Nor does it relieve students from the responsibility to behave in an orderly and safe manner on the bus. School bus transportation is a privilege that can be taken away any time a student's conduct is considered bad enough to jeopardize the safety of the other passengers. The right to safe transportation will not be taken from an entire busload of students because a few of them disobey the rules.

Those students guilty of flagrant, repeated, or gross disobedience or misconduct on school buses are subject to suspension within the guidelines of the district's Student Suspension Policy, Code No. 502.2. Continued violation of bus rules will be considered sufficient cause for refusing to transport the student(s) involved, and may lead to suspension from school, depending upon the seriousness of the matter.

The bus driver shall have complete control of the bus and the students he/she is transporting for the duration of the bus ride. Any problem arising with a student will be promptly reported to the building principal, who shall discipline the student in accordance with procedures developed by the superintendent and approved by the Board.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 321 (2003).

Cross Reference: 502., 502.2

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