

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

NEPN/NSBA Code: JICC

The law does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision before the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a student boards the bus -- and only at that time -- does s/he become the responsibility of the school system. Such responsibility shall end 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 requires students to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior and school policies.

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

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the principal. In such cases, the parents of the students involved become responsible for insuring that their students get to and from school safely.

Any damage caused by a student will be the responsibility of the parents.

Legal Reference: TITLE 20A MRSA SEC. 5401  
Title 22 MRSA 1578 and Maine Public Law 470 of the 1995 Statute

Cross Reference: EEA - STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
JICH - DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE BY STUDENTS  
ADC - TOBACCO-FREE SCHOOLS

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