

Student Conduct on Buses

The general student code of conduct is applicable to conduct on school buses. If a bus is equipped with seat belts, all students are expected to wear the seat belt available in their seat from the time they sit down on the bus to the time they stand up to depart the bus at their assigned stop. This also applies to all field trips and activities. The bus driver is authorized to enforce this rule and report any violations of the rule to the superintendent for discipline in accordance with the general student code of conduct and this policy. Notification of the presence of seat belts and this rule will be placed on the bus and provided to parents.

The Superintendent may establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules will be reviewed annually by the Superintendent and revised if necessary. If rules are substantially revised, they will be submitted to the Board for approval.

At the beginning of each school year, a copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses will be provided to students, and the classroom teacher and bus driver will review the rules with the students. A copy of the rules will be posted in each bus and will be available upon request at the District office and in each building principal's office.

The bus driver is responsible for enforcing the rules and will work closely with a parent and building principal to modify a student's behavior. Rules shall include consistent consequences for student misbehavior. A recommendation for permanent termination of bus privileges, accompanied by a written record of the incident(s) that led to the recommendation, shall be referred to the Superintendent for final determination. The student's parent or guardian may appeal a termination to the Board. No further appeal shall be allowed.

Cross Reference:       3310    Student Discipline  
                              8111    Transportation of Students With Disabilities

Legal Reference:       § 20-4-302, MCA       Discipline and punishment of pupils – definition of corporal punishment – penalty – defense  
                              § 20-5-201, MCA       Duties and sanctions

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