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

The Board expects children to conduct themselves at the bus stop in a manner consistent with the student code of conduct.

Once a child boards the bus—and only at that time—does the child become the responsibility of the school system. 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 requires 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 themselves properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the building Principal by the bus driver. The building Principal will inform the parents/guardians 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. In such cases, the parents/guardians of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

Legal Reference:

20-A MRSA § 5401

Cross Reference:

EEA - Student Transportation Services

JFCK – Student Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

JICDA – District-Wide Student Code of Conduct

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