

EDUCATION: AUXILIARY SERVICES

Policy 522.7-R (previously 702.7-R)

Student Conduct on School Buses

Regular School Bus Routes

Once a child boards the bus, he or she becomes the responsibility of the school district. In view of this, the Board regards the bus as an extension of the classroom, and all students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the same standards of courtesy and behaviour that have been set for the classroom. In addition, the following regulations apply:

1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and the students. A driver shall report any incidents of misbehaviour to the principal.
2. A bus driver may demand that a misbehaving student leave the bus:
 - (a) at the student's regular bus stop; the student's principal should be advised;
 - (b) at any district school; the student's principal should be advised;
 - (c) in an emergency situation (other than 2(a) and (b) above), where a student's conduct poses a threat to the safety of the passengers or the driver, the driver may request the student to leave the bus immediately, and advise the principal, who will immediately notify the student's parents. If, in the driver's opinion, the student requested to leave the bus is likely to cause further concern regarding his/her own safety or the safety of others, the driver may, at his/her discretion, request assistance from any Constable or Peace Officer.
3. After a conference with the principal, the bus driver may deny a misbehaving student the privilege of riding the bus.
4. Any student denied bus privileges must have both the principal's and the bus driver's permission to resume riding privileges.
5. At the principal's discretion, a student's bus privileges may be denied permanently following a second incident of misbehaviour.
6. The principal shall notify the student's parents when bus privileges are suspended or permanently denied.

Field Trips, Sporting Events, etc.

Regulations 1-6 apply where students are transported by School Board-owned vehicles. On field trips, etc., the teacher supervisor will assume the responsibility for Regulation 2(a), (b), and (c).

Principals are to assure themselves that appropriate supervision of students is provided for all field trips, sporting events, etc.