

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUS

POLICY STATEMENT

- A. It is important that students and parents/guardians become acquainted with the rules and regulations associated with the privilege of riding a school bus. The district will make every effort to provide a safe and comfortable ride. To do so, those riding District busses are expected to cooperate with the bus driver and to minimize any activity that, in the driver's opinion, is distracting or takes away from the driver's attention to the road.

POLICY PROCEDURE

- A. General bus rules.
1. The driver's primary responsibility is to safely operate the bus. Students need to respect this responsibility by refraining from any activity which would cause a distraction to the driver.
 2. Students need to be prompt and prepared to appropriately and safely board and ride his/her assigned bus. (Students will sit with hands and arms inside the bus and facing forward.)
 3. Students need to be courteous and respectful in both words and actions while on the bus or at a stop (Body Basics).
 4. Students are discouraged from bringing personal items onto the bus.. The district is not responsible for valuables such as electronics, which may become damaged or lost.
 5. Snowboards, skis, skateboards, or other similarly bulky items will not be transported on regular bus routes. Parents are encouraged to bring such items directly to the classroom if needed for after-school activities.
 6. Students need to be a role model by taking care of his/her self and his/her belongings and assisting others when needed.
 7. Students are discouraged from eating on the bus while moving as a safety precaution.
 8. The emergency door is to be used only in emergencies or as instructed by the driver.
 9. When crossing the road when loading or unloading the bus, students must cross ten feet in front of the bus and watch the driver for directions.
- B. Discipline procedure.
1. Bus drivers are responsible for maintaining appropriate behavior and order among students using New London school buses. A student who misbehaves or disrupts other students while on the school buses will be warned by the bus driver and asked to correct his/her behavior. When a student who continues to misbehave or disrupt other students while on the school bus, the driver will complete a written report of the incident. A copy of this report is given to the Transportation Supervisor. The Transportation Supervisor will

discuss with the student and parent/guardian involved the appropriate procedure based upon the incident and submit a copy of the report to the Principal/Assistant Principal.

2. A student who continues to misbehave after notification to the parent or guardian may be suspended from riding the bus by the Transportation Supervisor. A student who willfully defaces bus equipment or furnishings, or is in possession of drugs, controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages, or threatens the safety of the driver or other students may be prohibited from riding the bus by the Transportation Supervisor and/or District Administrator. The School District may suspend the student's riding privileges when deemed necessary.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy/Procedure 751.22 Video Monitoring System on School Buses