

FPS School Committee Policies

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STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The School Committee and its staff share with students and parents the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. The authority for enforcing School Committee requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with the Principal.

To ensure the safety of all students who ride in buses, it may occasionally be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who abuses this privilege and forfeiture of any fees paid. Parents of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with regulations approved by the School Committee.

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Students utilizing school bus transportation enjoy a privilege accorded by the Town rather than an inherent right to transportation. As such, students are to conduct themselves in such a way as not to interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle, cause personal injury to others, cause damage to the vehicle, or infringe upon the rights of others as set forth by the school administration.

If a student's conduct is determined by the operator to be detrimental to the safe operation of the vehicle, or if it is determined that a student has caused personal injury to others or damage to a vehicle, a conference will be arranged with the student and Principal or his/her designee, after which the parents and student will be notified in writing and by telephone, that future incidents will result in the curtailing of bus privileges. Subsequent offenses shall carry the following penalties: Second offense - Bus privileges suspended for three days at the middle school and high school levels and up to 3 days at the elementary level; Third offense - Bus privileges suspended for up to 10 days; Fourth offense - Bus privileges suspended for up to 20 days; Fifth offense - Bus privileges suspended for up to the remainder of the school year. Parents have the option of requesting a hearing with the driver and Principal regarding any discipline report about their student. The Principal may require a parent conference for any student reported for bus discipline infractions.

In addition to the penalties provided above, a student disciplined under this policy shall be subject to applicable sanctions under the Student Discipline Code, and shall be afforded such rights as are set forth therein. The School Resource Officer of the Framingham Police Department will be notified when a student causes personal injury to others or causes damage to the bus. The Principal will have final authority over the-disposition of all disciplinary matters, including bus discipline.

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In the event that damage is caused by a student, the student and his/her parents and/or guardian will be liable for all reasonable costs incidental to the repair of the vehicle. Note: If the parent does not attend the conference, he/she will be informed in writing of the problem and any action taken or proposed.

Although the safe operation of the vehicle may warrant the immediate suspension of the student's busing privileges, revocation of busing privileges shall occur only after consultation with the driver, student, Principal, and parents, and in no instance will a student's busing privileges be revoked without prior notification to parents. Written notice will be sent to parents within two school days.

A Joint Oversight Committee will be appointed by the President of the Bus Drivers' Association and the Superintendent of Schools to annually review the implementation of this policy and, if needed, to forward recommendations for changes in the policy.

The Joint Oversight Committee will be chaired by the Superintendent or designee and will consist of three drivers appointed by the President of the Bus Drivers' Association and three building principals appointed by the Superintendent. The Committee will meet at least twice each year.