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9.09 - Responsibilities of Transported Pupils

POLICY:

A pupil who is eligible to be transported is entitled to free transportation only so long as he/she abides by the rules of safety and personal behavior which are necessary for the operation of the school bus and the transportation service, as prescribed in these regulations.

- (1) A pupil who abuses his/her privilege of riding a school bus through misconduct may be suspended from the school bus as provided in Subsection 9.17 of these regulations or may be denied public transportation by action of the Board. Suspension from bus privileges will not necessarily deny to the pupil the right to attend school provided his/her parents or guardian provide for his/her transportation.
- (2) A pupil may be put off the bus immediately by the driver only in case of an extreme emergency. In such case, the driver shall immediately notify the principal and the Coordinator of Transportation or the Superintendent.
- (3) Any pupil riding a school bus on a regular basis or on a special trip shall have the following responsibilities:
 - (a) To occupy the seat assigned by the driver and to refrain at all times from moving about while the bus is in motion;
 - (b) To observe classroom conduct except for ordinary conversation while getting on or off the bus and while riding the bus -- under no condition shall there be singing on the bus;
 - (c) To obey the driver cheerfully and without argument and to report promptly to the principal when instructed to do so by the bus driver;
 - (d) To warn the driver of approaching danger if there is reason to believe that he/she is not aware of such danger;
 - (e) To be at the place designated both morning and afternoon ready to board the bus at the time indicated on the bus schedule;
 - (f) To walk on the left of any road facing traffic to and from the bus stop;
 - (g) To observe the proper rules of conduct while waiting for the bus, staying off the road and private property other than that on which the stop is established;
 - (h) To wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off;

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- (i) To enter or leave the bus only at the front door after the bus has come to a stop except in case of an emergency or as directed during an emergency evacuation drill;
- (j) To cross the highway, if necessary, after leaving the bus as follows:
 - 1. Make certain that the bus is at a complete stop;
 - 2. Upon alighting from the bus, stand at the side of the road within sight and hearing of the bus driver and wait for a signal from him/her to cross the road or to the park strip; and
 - 3. Upon signal from the driver, look both ways and then proceed across the road to the park strip, always walking in front of the bus;
- (k) To keep head, elbows, hands, and feet inside the bus windows at all times except in case of an emergency exit;
- (l) Refrain from eating or drinking or using tobacco while on the bus;
- (m) Refrain from throwing objects inside the bus or outside the bus;
- (n) To refrain from the use of profanity or objectionable language and the practice of immoral conduct -- there shall be no pushing, fighting or any other type of misconduct at any time;
- (o) To avoid damaging or defacing the bus or bus equipment, the pupil shall be responsible for the cost of any such damage; and
- (p) To refrain from displaying any sharp instrument and from bringing a weapon of any type aboard the bus.

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