

**MOUNT DESERT ISLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

This policy shall apply at all times while students are riding on school buses under the direction of any Union 98 schools including regular daily transportation to and from school, co-curricular trips and field trips.

While the School Department furnishes transportation, it does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the student boards the bus in the morning and after the student leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once a student boards the bus – and only at that time – does he or she become the responsibility of the School Department. Such responsibility shall end when the student 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 Committee shall require students to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior, and with Committee policies and school rules. The bus driver will keep a record of disciplinary incidents involving students which may have jeopardized the safety and well being of themselves or others.

In cases when a student does not conduct him/herself properly on a bus, such instances are to be brought to the attention of the building administrator by the bus driver. The administrator will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in changing their child's behavior.

Students who cause disciplinary problems on the bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the building administrator, as well as being subject to discipline under applicable Committee policies and/or school rules. The student's parent(s) are responsible for seeing that their child gets to and from school safely during periods of bus suspension.

Cross Reference: JICC-R - School Bus Discipline Procedure

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