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School Transportation Policy

The daily transportation of pupils is a privilege accorded by the school system. It is not a mandatory statutory requirement.

Any student who is enrolled as a resident or tuitioned may ride the Bridgewater school busses. All students must behave in accordance with the Bus Discipline Policy and will be required to meet or exit the bus at regularly scheduled stops. The busses within Bridgewater are provided to transport students to and from school. The Board may modify routes or stops, and add or delete busses, with notice to those affected, as it deems appropriate. Route stop amendments will be considered upon receiving written requests.

Procedures

Students transported to school by school bus need to remember that upon entering the bus in the morning they are "in school."

Students must follow the same standards of conduct and courtesy that are expected in the school classroom. (Drugs, alcohol, insubordination, littering, throwing objects, fighting, etc. will **NOT** be tolerated.)

Use the rear door **ONLY** in cases of emergency.

Any violation of these regulations will be reported to the building principal. After consultation with the driver, the building principal may:

- A. Issue a warning to the student with notification to the parent(s).
- B. Suspend student's bus riding privileges for a time.
Require a meeting with appropriate school officials, the student and the parent.
- C. Impose a longer suspension based on subsequent offenses.
- D. Determine the amount of mandatory reimbursement in the case of vandalism and require payment before student is reinstated on the bus.

In the event the conduct of a pupil is such as to endanger the health, safety and well being of him/herself and/or other passengers, the pupil will face immediate suspension of transportation privileges.

During the period of suspension of bus privileges the parents:

- A. Are responsible for providing transportation for their child.
- B. May seek relief through the due process policy of the local school

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