

ELLSWORTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The law does not relieve parents of students from the responsibility of supervision before the child 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/she become the responsibility of the school system. 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 Board requires students to conduct themselves in the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior.

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 principal by the bus driver. The building principal will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in checking the child's behavior.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the building principal. In such cases, the parents of the students involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 5401

Cross Reference: EEA - Student Transportation Services

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