

NEPN/NSBA Code: EEAE

M.S.A.D. #12 POLICY
STUDENT CONDUCT ON BUSES

Rules and Regulations for Pupils Transported in M.S.A.D. #12 School Buses

Meeting the Bus:

1. All pupils must be on time. Buses cannot wait for tardy riders.
2. Pupils walking along the road to a bus stop should always walk on the left shoulder of the road, facing oncoming traffic.
3. Pupils will walk, not run, when crossing the road or approaching a bus and then only after the bus is fully stopped.
4. Pupils must wait for the driver's signal before crossing the road to board the bus.

On the bus, pupils shall:

1. Obey the driver who has full charge of the bus.
2. Go to their assigned seats and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
3. Deposit all paper and refuse in container when leaving the bus.
4. Present to the driver a properly signed permission slip when that pupil is to be discharged at a point other than his/her regular pick-up point.
5. Refrain from any swearing, vulgar language, ethnic slurs or comments directed against any person. It will not be tolerated.

Pupils shall not:

1. Extend any object or part of his/her body outside the bus at any time.
2. Tamper with bus equipment or emergency doors, windows, or hatch.
3. Mar or deface the bus in any way. Damage done will be paid for by the pupil and his/her parents/guardians.
4. Fight or scuffle. Any instance will result in suspension from buses.
5. Shout or make lewd gestures to anyone.
6. Throw objects out of or within the bus.
7. Obstruct aisles with lunch boxes, backpacks or other objects.
8. Consume food or drink while on a bus. All food, drink bottles, cans, etc. shall remain in lunch boxes/bags.
9. Bring large objects on the bus (driver's judgment).
10. Cross the street in front of the bus without waiting for the driver's direction.

Remember:

1. Pupils attending parties, group activities, etc. and wishing to ride a bus other than their own, may have to be denied permission.
2. Permission slips are required when pupils leave the bus other than at their pick-up point.*
3. The infraction of any rule may be grounds for suspension from buses. (Suspension from one bus means suspension from all district buses on regular runs.)
4. Severe infractions may be dealt with by the Superintendent and may result in a lengthy suspension of the pupil's bus riding privileges.
5. The right of the pupils to ride a school bus is conditional on their behavior and observance of rules pertaining to proper conduct.
6. Bus drivers are obligated to request suspensions to the Superintendent and make suggestions in line with good citizenship.

*Clarification: Any pupil boarding any M.S.A.D. #12 bus at his/her regular pick-up point may not leave the bus at any other point on the way to school except at another school for purpose of transfer to another bus. The same rule applies for school to home. However, a pupil may depart from a bus along any regular PM route by virtue of a permission note from his/her parents/guardians for the driver's record and signed by the principal or teacher. After such a departure, a pupil shall not be readmitted to any M.S.A.D. #12 bus during the day's regular run.

Cross reference: JICIA - Weapons, Violence and School Safety

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