

Hopkinton School Committee Policy

Student Conduct on School Buses

The Hopkinton Public School District has the right to take actions necessary to maintain safe conditions on all school buses. The courts have held that the right of a student to transportation is a qualified right, dependent on appropriate behavior.

The following conduct is strictly prohibited:

- Any conduct prohibited by law.
- Any conduct listed as prohibited in the Student Handbook or Student Code of Conduct of the school that the student attends.
- Any conduct that is prohibited in the Hopkinton Public Schools Bus Conduct Rules.

Disciplinary response for any prohibited conduct is guided by the Student Handbook or Student Code of Conduct, and includes notification of parents. The disciplinary response may include temporary or permanent loss of bus privilege, suspension from school, or other disciplinary action as appropriate to the offense. Students are held liable for any damage that they cause to a school bus.

A student who pays a fee for transportation and whose riding privileges are suspended because of a violation of these rules will not receive a fee refund in whole or in part.

All passengers must follow the instructions issued by the driver for loading, unloading and personal conduct while on the bus.

The principal shall see that this policy is reviewed with students in an age-appropriate manner at the beginning of each year.

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Legal References	
Policy Cross Reference	EEAE Bus Safety
Procedure Reference	Hopkinton Public Schools Bus Conduct Rules