

Student Safety and Rules of Conduct on Buses and Walking

The superintendent shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules shall include as a minimum the requirements of WAC 392-145-035 and shall be reviewed annually by the superintendent and revised if necessary. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the board for approval.

A copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses shall be provided to students at the beginning of the year. The bus driver shall review the rules with the students at or near the beginning of each school year. A copy of the rules shall be posted in each bus and shall be available upon request at the transportation department. Students who fail to adhere to the bus rules will receive progressive discipline; see policy 6606.

When waiting for a bus, or when going to and from a bus stop, students are responsible for conducting themselves according to positive and appropriate social customs and legal behaviors that apply to adults in public. That is, they must not abuse or cause damage to private or public property; they must not use obscene language or gestures; and they must not engage in assaultive, threatening or other criminal activity. Failure to adhere to these social mores which result in formal complaints by citizens shall cause a referral to be forwarded to principals for possible corrective action.

Any misconduct by a student, which in the opinion of the bus driver or bus supervisor is detrimental to the safe operation of the bus, shall be sufficient cause for the director of transportation or building principal to suspend the transportation privilege.

The board directs the superintendent to prepare appropriate procedures to implement this policy.

Cross References:

(cf.: 3200 – Student Rules, Regulations and Conduct)

(cf.: 6510 – Safety)

(cf.: 6600 – Transportation of Pupils)

(cf.: 6606 – Student Progressive Corrective Action)

Legal References:

RCW 28A.600.010 Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for –Due process guarantee –Enforcement

WAC 180-40-225 School districts rules defining misconduct

WAC 392-144 School bus driver qualifications

WAC 392-145 Transportation –Operation rules

WAC 392-145-015 General operating regulations

WAC 392-145-035 Rules for students riding school buses

WAC 392-145-040 Emergency exit procedures

WAC 392-145-045 Emergency drills

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