

## **Students**

### **Bus Conduct**

School transportation privileges are extended to students conditional upon their satisfactory behavior on the bus.

Students will be advised that they may be suspended from transportation services for unsatisfactory conduct while awaiting or receiving transportation to and from school which endangers persons or property or violates a Board policy or administrative regulation.

### **Suspension of Transportation Privileges**

Students may be suspended or excluded from transportation privileges for serious and/or repeated infractions of rules, laws, or breaches of discipline. All suspensions and exclusions will be in accordance with state statutes and Board policy.

- a. Discipline problems on buses or vans are handled by the Principal of the school the student attends.
- b. The Business Manager administers discipline to technical school students and other students not assigned to a Waterford Public School.
- c. Guidelines regarding transportation discipline actions for violating transportation rules (as defined in Student Handbooks and Regulations) are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense - Written notice of warning to parents
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - One (1) to three (3) days suspension from transportation
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense - Four (4) to five (5) days suspension from transportation
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense - Up to ten (10) days suspension from transportation
- 5<sup>th</sup> offense - Full revocation of bus privileges

Particularly dangerous or disruptive behavior, as determined by the administering authority, may result in immediate suspension from school consistent with policy 5114 of up to ten (10) days.

- d. Any offense involving weapons and/or the sale and/or distribution of controlled substances will result in exclusion proceedings as provided for under Board of Education Policy 5131.4 (Dangerous Weapons in the Schools).

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### Bus Conduct (continued)

#### Special Transportation for Exceptional Children

Transportation shall be provided, as a related special education service, as required to implement the individualized education program for each student requiring special education and related services. The following additional guidelines apply to special education students:

1. Normal transportation time shall not exceed one hour each way to and from a special education facility. Decisions relating to travel time shall consider the nature and severity of the student's exceptionality and the student's age. If an appropriate placement cannot be made within the one hour travel time limit, written parental consent to longer travel time shall be obtained prior to implementing the transportation service.
2. Operators of vehicles shall be given in-service training, as necessary, concerning the specific needs of students being transported.
3. Transportation aides shall be provided for a student whose individualized education program specifies the need for such an aide.
4. If a parent transports his/her child to and from school, with prior approval, the parent shall be reimbursed for the cost of such transportation at a mileage rate approved by the Superintendent. No parent shall be required by the school district to provide transportation.

(cf. 5114 - Suspension/Expulsion; Due Process)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.

10-220 Duties of boards of education

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules

10-233c Suspension of students

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