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## **POLICY SECTION 1020: Student Conduct on School Buses**

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The Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education believes that proper student conduct while riding a school bus is one of the most important elements in the provision of safe transportation. The bus is an extension of the school; therefore, the Board requires children to conduct themselves while on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behaviour.

### **GUIDELINES**

Once a child boards the bus, he/she becomes the responsibility of the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education. Such responsibility shall only end when the student is delivered to the regular bus stop at home at the close of the day.

1. The driver shall report to the Principal any child who violates or refuses to abide by the rules.
2. The driver shall discipline no child while the bus is in motion. If a serious, danger-invoking situation occurs, pull over at the first but safe opportunity and insist that the student's behaviour be corrected.
3. All students shall remain seated in passenger seats, at all times, while the bus is in motion.
4. The Principal had disciplinary authority for the conduct of children en route.
5. Students must arrive at pick up point 5 minutes before scheduled pick up time, as the driver has a time schedule to follow and is unable to wait for any student.
6. Littering of the bus or roadway is prohibited.
7. Eating on the bus is prohibited.
8. Students shall maintain classroom conduct while on the bus except that they may converse with each other in a normal voice.
9. Students shall not extend a part of their bodies out of the bus window.
10. Use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is strictly prohibited.
11. Abusive or profane language is prohibited.
12. Passengers guilty of vandalism will be charged with cost of repairs and may be prohibited from riding the bus.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the Ahkwesahsne Mohawk Board of Education. In such cases, the parents of each child involved become responsible for seeing that their child gets to and from school safely until such time the Board reinstates riding privileges.