

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Rules For Passengers

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop guidelines for student conduct and general responsibilities for bus drivers, teachers and administrators involved with school transportation.

A student who violates the regulations for student behavior on school buses may be subject to suspension or expulsion from school and/or transportation according to the provisions of Policy 5114 - Suspension and Expulsion.

(cf. 5114 – Suspension and Expulsion)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-220 Duties of boards of education
 10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures
 10-233a Definitions
 10-233b Removal of pupils from class
 10-233c Suspension of pupils
 4-177 through 4-180 re: contested cases.

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THOMASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Thomaston, Connecticut

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Waiting for the School Bus and Boarding

1. Be at your bus stop *on time*. Children shall **NOT** run to catch the bus.
2. While at the bus stop, children shall stand or wait in a safe area. Children should not run into or play in the streets.
3. Children shall not push, shove, fight, or engage in any disorderly behavior.
4. As the school bus approaches, children shall form a line and wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before moving to board it.
5. Unless special seats are assigned by the driver or principal, students shall sit in the nearest seat available upon entering the bus and slide in toward the window so that three students can fit in a seat.

On the School Bus - Rules

1. Be courteous to the bus driver and follow his/her directions. Be courteous to fellow students as well.
2. Do not linger in the aisles upon boarding the bus.
3. Do not change seats.
4. Do not stand up unless the bus is at a complete stop.
5. Do not kneel or stand on the seats.
6. Do not interfere with the free flow of traffic down the bus aisles.
7. Do not fight, shout, throw objects, or engage in any other disorderly behavior.
8. Do not block or tamper with the emergency exit door.
9. Do not lean out of the windows or extend arms or hands outside the windows.
10. Animals are not allowed on the bus.
11. Eating or smoking is not allowed on the bus.
12. Do not damage or litter the bus.

Departing From the Bus

1. Once children get off the bus, they shall walk quickly to a safe area away from the bus and away from traffic.
2. If it is necessary to cross the street in front of the bus, students shall make sure the bus is at a complete stop with lights flashing before stepping in front of it. They shall look both ways and be far enough in front of the bus so the bus driver has a clear view of the students as they are crossing the street.
3. Kindergarten students must have a parent or designated adult meet the bus and be visible to the driver.

