

**FIDDLEHEAD SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADOPTED: 10-25-2016
REVIEWED:**

Student Conduct on School Bus or Van

It is the policy of Fiddlehead School to provide safe transportation to and from school as well as school sponsored extra-curricular activities. For purposes of this policy, buses shall mean any school provided transportation. Parents are responsible for supervising their child before the child boards the bus in the morning and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day.

Once the child boards the bus – and only at that time – does he/she become the responsibility of the School. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the scheduled bus stop at the close of the school day.

All Board policies and school rules are in effect on school buses. In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, the Board requires children to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom & school behavior.

The bus driver will follow the Administrative Procedures for Student Conduct on the bus (Adopted 10-25-2016). In cases when a child does not conduct him/herself properly on a bus, such instances will be brought to the attention of the Executive Director by the bus driver. The Executive Director will inform the parents immediately of the misconduct and request their cooperation in checking the child's behavior. Children who have serious disciplinary problems on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended by the Executive Director, in addition to being disciplined for any infraction of Board policies and school rules. In such cases, the parents of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. § 5401