

Scituate School Department
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Bus Rules: Secondary Grades

School bus rules are published each year in the student handbooks that are provided to all Scituate Middle and High School students. It is very important for students to understand that the school bus ride is an extension of the school environment. The same rules and expectations of appropriate behavior as well as the same consequences for misbehavior that apply in school also apply to bus transportation.

- All applicable discipline policies, which are defined in both the Scituate High School and Scituate Middle School Handbook, apply to bus transportation. These include: STUDENT DECORUM; STUDENT DRESS; NO SMOKING POLICY; MISCONDUCT CONSTITUTING GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION; POLICY ON VIOLENCE AND WEAPONS; ABUSE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/ALCOHOL; BULLYING; SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
- Students who engage in certain behaviors subject themselves to serious consequences, which in addition to possible exclusion and immediate removal from school and bus privileges could include the involvement of police. These behaviors include: PHYSICAL ATTACKS UPON OTHER STUDENTS; PHYSICAL ATTACK ON SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL; POSSESSION OF ANY KIND OF A WEAPON SUCH AS A KNIFE, A GUN, A BLACKJACK, ETC.; VERBAL AND/OR PHYSICAL HARASSMENT OF OTHER STUDENTS, SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL.
- A bus driver has the same authority in his/her bus as a teacher in his/her classroom. Passengers who do not obey bus regulations will not be transported.
- On entering bus, move in an orderly manner to a seat.
- Sit three in a seat when necessary and remain seated.
- Do not stand in front of the front steps of the bus because it interferes with the driver.
- Do not eat on the bus.
- Keep your voice down - no loud talking or shouting.
- Smoking is prohibited at all times.
- Limited cell phone use is at the discretion of the bus driver. The camera function of cell phones is prohibited as well as displaying images.