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Statement	<p>Students who are eligible to travel to and from school by school bus must behave in a safe and appropriate manner while at the bus stop and aboard the bus. Those who behave in an unsafe or inappropriate manner may be subject to discipline, including the loss of busing, in accordance with the Policy SS-12 Disciplinary Measures.</p>
Responsibilities	<p>Students must follow their respective School Board's Code of Conduct Policy as well as the following:</p> <p>While at the bus stop students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be at the bus stop at least 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival time of the bus, which will not wait for latecomers; 2. Always keep a safe distance from the road or the street while waiting for the bus; 3. Respect other people's property and belongings; 4. Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching in order to board the bus; 5. Wait until the lights are on and the bus driver signals it is safe before crossing the street to board the bus. <p>While on the bus, students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take a seat of their choosing or, if applicable, go to the seat that has been assigned to them on the bus, and remain seated until they reach their destination; 2. Remain seated at all times, facing in the direction in which the bus is travelling, resting against the back of their seats with their legs turned towards the front of the bus, in the places that have been assigned to them (if applicable); 3. For their safety during the trip, avoid distracting or speaking to the bus driver, except in the case of an emergency; 4. Only board the bus to which they have been



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	<p>assigned, and embark or disembark only at their own bus stop;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Help to keep the bus safe and clean;6. Keep their hands, legs and head inside the bus;7. Keep their books, school bags and any other objects on their laps and keep the aisle clear;8. Take all their personal belongings with them when they leave the bus;9. Follow the bus driver's instructions in the event of an emergency;10. Refrain from speaking loudly, being noisy, swearing or using abusive or otherwise inappropriate language;11. Refrain from eating, drinking, spitting or dirtying the inside of the bus;12. Refrain from smoking, drinking alcohol, vaping or using drugs;13. Refrain from throwing objects inside or outside the vehicle;14. Bring skates on the bus only if the blades are covered with guards and the skates are kept inside a special carrying bag, which can be secured safely on their lap for the full duration of the bus ride, as per SS-07 Transportation of Large Items on School Buses;15. Animals are not allowed on the bus except as per Policy AT-02 Service Animals;16. Firearms, explosives, weapons of any kind, water guns and other dangerous and large items are forbidden on the buses. In the event of a conflict, the bus driver and the school principal will decide whether an object is authorized on the bus until a decision can be provided by WESTS.17. Rules regarding musical instruments, sports equipment and other large items is found under Policy SS-07 Transportation of Large Items on School Buses. In the event of a dispute about a large item, the bus driver and the school principal
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	<p>will decide whether an object is authorized on the bus until a decision can be provided by WESTS;</p> <p>When disembarking from the school bus, students must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before leaving their seat; 2. Immediately move three (3) meters away from the front of the vehicle and wait for the bus driver's signal before crossing the street; 3. Always walk in front of the vehicle and watch for traffic before crossing the street. <p>Students and/or their parents/guardians will be liable for any damage done deliberately to the bus.</p>
Consequences	<p>Failure to follow the rules and responsibilities outlined above will be addressed under Policy SS-12 Disciplinary Measures.</p>

Referenced policies: **AT-02 Service Animals**
SS-07 Transportation of Large Items
SS-12 Disciplinary Measures