

**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Bloomfield, Connecticut**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION**

**No. 5131.1(a)**

**RE: Bus Conduct**

**Approved: Date**

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The following list of rules are to be observed by all students riding school buses and are to be strictly enforced by all bus drivers:

1. The driver is in complete charge of the bus and the children being transported. The driver may make changes in seating and may take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of his/her bus and its passengers. They will report misconduct to the appropriate school administrator.
2. Students must remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion. Students may leave their seats only when the bus is stopped and directed by the driver or stopped at their destination.
3. No student shall leave the bus without permission from the driver or school administrator except at the student's regular bus stop or at the school.
4. Conduct on the buses will be like classroom conduct where reasonable conversation is permissible. Inappropriate behavior of any form or manner is not permissible.
5. Students who refuse to comply with regulations will be advised that they may be suspended from transportation services under the conditions set forth in the Conduct and Discipline policy and regulation at 5131 of this manual. Suspensions may only be issued by the School Administrator.
6. Students who damage or deface bus or equipment on the bus will be held liable for such damage.
7. Conversation with the driver while the bus is in motion is not permitted except to call the driver's attention to any inappropriate behavior or conduct that might jeopardize the safety of one of its riders.
8. Students must not, at any time, extend their arms or heads out of a bus window.
9. The use of tobacco, electronic nicotine delivery systems (e.g. e-cigarettes), vapor products, drugs, narcotics, alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance in any form on a school bus is prohibited by state law.

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**Bus Conduct – Rules (continued)**

10. No indecent or profane language will be permitted, and there will be no loud or disturbing talking.
11. Bus windows shall not be opened without the driver's permission.
12. Upon entering or leaving a school bus, students will avoid crowding or disturbing others. Students boarding a bus at a point where others debark from it will always stand back away from the door and let those who are getting off out before they attempt to Board the bus.
13. Students must not throw any articles away in or about the bus.
14. Students shall not eat food or consume beverages while riding on school buses or other school-provided transportation.
15. The bus must be kept clean, and students must cooperate in this by not leaving waste paper or trash of any kind that will clutter up the bus.