

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The School Committee and its staff share with students and parents **or guardians** the responsibility for student safety during transportation to and from school. The authority for enforcing School Committee requirements of student conduct on buses will rest with the Principal.

The policy of the School Committee regarding student conduct on school buses is that the school day begins when the student leaves home and ends when the student returns home. Consequently, students are under the jurisdiction of the school administration during this entire period and will be held to the Code of Conduct in the student handbook.

To ensure the safety of all students who ride in buses, it may be necessary to revoke the privilege of transportation from a student who abuses this privilege. **Any violation of the rules and regulations for student behavior on school buses must be reported by the bus driver, on the form school bus incident report form provided by WPS, at the end of each trip to the staff member in charge. This staff member must obtain all pertinent information and report it to the school principal. The report shall be forwarded to the school principal no later than the following school day of the occurrence of the incident. The report will be returned to the staff member showing the action taken by the principal, who in turn will show the bus driver what action has been taken.** The principal or designee is responsible for communicating pertinent bus related information to transportation personnel within three school days of receiving the school bus incident report form.

Parents **or guardians** of children whose behavior and misconduct on school buses endangers the health, safety, and welfare of other riders will be notified that their children face the loss of transportation privileges in accordance with regulations contained in the student handbooks which are approved by the School Committee. **All decisions will be made by the principal, following a thorough investigation.**