

## STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Haverhill Public Schools provide bus transportation for students who live beyond the specified distance from their assigned school and for students in certain areas where walking would be deemed hazardous. All primary grade students who live more than one mile from school, middle school students who live more than 1 1/2 miles from school and high school students who live more than 2 miles from school are eligible to ride a bus.

The privilege of riding the bus is one that the student must respect and protect. Conduct while a passenger on a school bus must be such that it does not annoy other riders, does not distract the driver and does not create a safety hazard.

The Transportation Coordinator and administrators in charge of each school should prepare and publish regulations for conduct while riding on a school bus, and such regulations should be published in the appropriate document for all students and their parents.

All violations of such regulations shall be reported by the driver or other interested parties to the appropriate building principal who then shall determine disciplinary action. At no time should a driver unilaterally deprive a student of his or her right to ride the bus.

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## EARLY ELEMENTARY PICK UP AND DEPARTURE BUS POLICIES

Pickup and departure for children is within one-to-two blocks of home whenever possible. Bus riders must be met at the bus stop by a person as named on the emergency contact list provided to the child's school. If someone else will be meeting the child, he/she must have a signed and dated note to be given to the bus driver, and said note shall be verified by the principal of the child's school, and the bus driver shall request identification to verify the identity of the pick up person, if the pick up person is an adult. The bus driver cannot leave until all students are picked up. Any a.m. Kindergarten child not met by anyone at the bus stop will be returned to the child's school. The transportation department and principal will attempt to contact the student's emergency contact on file. Any p.m. Kindergarten child not met by anyone at the bus stop and parents or emergency contact on file cannot be reached the child will be taken to the Registration Center at Burnham School, where the child will be supervised by transportation department personnel. If the child's parents or registered emergency contact on file is not reached by 5:00 p.m., the police will be contacted.

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