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POLICY

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is empowered, under the Education Act, to provide transportation services for students and that such empowerment may be exercised by providing transportation for students by virtue of a privilege rather than a right.

The Board will provide transportation services for students under its jurisdiction in accordance with regulations set out in the Transportation Procedures Manual which are to be followed by all those directly or indirectly involved.

REGULATIONS

1. Conduct detrimental to the safe operation of the bus or to the safety of the other students riding on the bus will not be allowed.
2. The driver of the bus is in charge of the operation of the bus and of the safety and welfare of all students and he/she must be given each student's cooperation and support.
3. While riding on the bus, students are responsible to their principal. Therefore, the following steps should be taken for disciplinary actions:
 - i) The driver shall warn any student who misbehaves on a school bus.
 - ii) If a misbehaviour is repeated, the driver shall notify the principal and the Transportation Department in writing. The principal will interview the student and warn his/her parents that further repetition could lead to the loss of riding privileges.

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REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

- (iii) Where parents have been notified and where the misbehaviour is repeated, the principal may suspend the student's riding privileges for a determined period of time. In such case, the parents and the Transportation Department will be notified in writing of the suspension which shall remain in force until determined otherwise by the principal.
- (iv) Should there be any further misbehaviour, the principal may suspend the student's riding privileges for part of, or the rest of, the school term. The parent may appeal the suspension of bus riding privileges to the Board through the appropriate supervisory officer.

PROCEDURES

The student shall:

1. Arrive at the bus pick-up location at least 5 minutes prior to the scheduled pick-up time shown on the bus schedule.
2. While waiting for the bus, respect private property. Failure to do so may result in the bus stop being moved to another location.
3. While boarding the bus, remain in a single line and refrain from pushing which may result in injury.
4. Remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
5. Obey the instructions of the bus driver. The first responsibility is to the bus driver. Show the same courtesy, respect and obedience to the bus driver as they would extend to their teachers and parents.
6. Avoid all excessive noise and rowdiness which may distract the bus driver and thus endanger all persons on the bus.
7. Respect the bus owner's property and refrain from any damage to it.
8. Pay for any malicious damage caused to the bus.

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PROCEDURES (Cont'd)

9. Keep the aisles clear at all times.
10. Keep books and parcels on his/her lap.
11. Not bring the following articles into the bus - sleighs, toboggans, or other bulky items that block the aisles.
12. Ensure that skates or other potentially dangerous objects are equipped with protective guards or are carried in a sports bag. These shall be kept on the floor at the student's feet.
13. Observe absolute quietness when approaching a railroad crossing.
14. Refrain from smoking, swearing, shouting, fighting, throwing objects and spitting inside the bus or out the window.
15. Keep his/her hands, legs and head inside the bus.
16. Not touch emergency doors or exits. Open windows only if given permission by the bus driver.
17. Ensure the safekeeping of his/her public transit pass/tickets.
18. Be responsible to the principal of the school that he/she attends for his/her conduct while travelling on the school bus.

Notwithstanding the foregoing procedures, Principals shall also refer to the Board's Transportation Procedures Manual for any further direction and guidelines.

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