

Natick Public Schools

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Building the Future, One Child at a Time



BUS CONDUCT POLICY

Authorized bus stops will be located at designated areas, accessible to students from surrounding neighborhoods. Students will be required to board at “common” bus stops. The maximum distance to a bus stop by state law is one mile. Door to door bus service is not provided, and buses will not be allowed to enter cul-de-sac areas. Bus stops may only change as deemed necessary and authorized by the School Department. ***Students are to ride only buses that they are assigned to. For safety and liability purposes, drivers are instructed to randomly check bus passes.***

Once a child boards the bus, and only at that time does he or she become the responsibility of the school district. Such responsibility shall end when the child is delivered to the regular bus stop at the close of the school day. The parent/guardian is responsible for the behavior and safety of the student between the residence and the designated bus stop, while waiting at the bus stop, and at the afternoon drop off.

The procedure for handling behavior problems, including bad language, on school buses shall be as follows:

- a. First Offense - A letter and the Bus Conduct Form, or phone call, shall be sent from the Principal of the school or Transportation Coordinator to the parents of the student advising the parents of the offense
- b. Second Offense - Bus privileges may be revoked for a two-week period and parents shall be so notified by the Principal of the school the student attends.
- c. Third Offense - Transportation privileges may be taken away from the student for the remainder of the school year, and the parents shall be so notified by the Principal of the school the student attends of the offense.