

# Board Policy

## Student Conduct on School Buses

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is responsible for the safety of the children when they are riding the school bus. By law, ESBOCES cannot be responsible for the children prior to their boarding the bus or once they disembark from the bus at the designated bus stop.

In view of the fact that a bus is an extension of the classroom, ESBOCES shall require students to conduct themselves while on the bus in a manner consistent with established standards for classroom behavior and in accordance with the ESBOCES Code of Conduct.

No student shall be allowed to smoke on any school bus at any time.

In accordance with the ESBOCES Code of Conduct, if a student does not conduct himself/herself properly on a bus, school bus personnel are expected to bring such misconduct to the building principal's or designee's attention. Students who become a serious disciplinary problem may have their riding privileges suspended by the building principal or the Superintendent of the student's home school district or their designees. In such cases, the student's parent/guardian will become responsible for seeing that his or her child gets to and from class safely. Should the suspension from transportation prevent the student from attending class, the home school district will cooperate with ESBOCES to make appropriate arrangements to provide for the student's education.

A student subjected to a suspension from transportation is not entitled to a full hearing pursuant to NYS Education Law §3214. However, the student and the student's parent/guardian will be provided with a reasonable opportunity for an informal conference with the building principal or the principal's designee to discuss the student's conduct and the consequence involved.

### References:

- [NYS Education Law §3214](#)

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