Brockton Public Schools
School Committee Policy

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY

1. On a prescribed form, a written report will be submitted by the operator to the bus company on any disturbance or irregularity in bus conduct of pupils.

2. The operator will use a dependable timepiece that will be set at regular intervals in order to maintain schedule time.

3. He/She shall make no changes of stops except those authorized by the Brockton Public Schools.

4. The operator has the responsibility for order and discipline on bus. The operator has the right of oral reprimand of students who are acting in a manner harmful to themselves or others, but should not deny transportation to a pupil. Any operator who, due to extreme exigencies, denies transport to any pupil, must immediately report the reason to the building principal and a written report will be forwarded to the bus company. The operator will report the names of any pupils who cause disturbances on the bus to the principal. The operator may place the bus safely at the side of road and refuse to move the vehicle until order and discipline are restored within the vehicle.

5. Drivers will not smoke while transporting children to or from school or during any other school trips.

6. No operator operating a school bus shall run it at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper. He/She shall have regard for traffic and the safety of the public. No operator shall operate a school bus within a school zone established in conformance with the standards of the Department of Public Works at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour. No operator shall operate a school bus at a rate of speed exceeding 40 miles per hour while actually engaged in the transporting of school children.

7. The operator is responsible for seeing that all required safety equipment is secured within the vehicle.

   All buses shall carry at all times the following equipment:

   a. Three (3) flares or three (3) red electric lanterns or three (3) emergency reflectors
   b. First aid kit - placed accessible to driver
   c. Fire extinguisher
   d. Two (2) red cloth flags
   e. No smoking signs

8. The operator shall operate vehicle only with doors closed
9. The operator shall charge and discharge passengers only with school bus flashing-lights operating.

10. The operator will not leave the vehicle unless proper provision has been made for both passenger and vehicular safety.

11. No fueling of bus shall take place with passengers on board.

12. When discharging passengers, the operator shall announce that all who desire to cross the street must cross in front of the bus. The operator shall not operate the school bus after discharging passengers unless all passengers who wish to do so have crossed.

13. The operator shall be familiar with evacuation procedures and methods in case of accident.
   
   a. Front door emergency evacuation of vehicle
   b. Rear door emergency evacuation of vehicle
   c. Front and rear door emergency evacuation of vehicle

   The operator shall also be required to participate in the in-service training program to be established by the Commissioner of Education in collaboration with the Registrar and the Commissioner of the Department of Public Utilities.

14. The operator has the right to require any pupil to produce Brockton High School I.D. Cards, Junior High School and Elementary School passes in order to determine bus eligibility.