

SUBJECT: BUS CONDUCT

ORIGINATING OFFICE: ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BUSINESS SERVICES

EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 13, 2015

REVISED:

School busses may be used to transport students to and from school and for other school activities that have approval of the Board of Trustees and are permitted by law. The Board shall adopt regulations for transportation of students of the district as it may deem necessary.

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus drivers, and others, the Board of Trustees expects students to exhibit appropriate and orderly conduct at all times when using school transportation, including while preparing to ride, riding, or leaving the bus.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations related to student conduct on buses, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. He/she shall make these rules available to parents/guardians, students, and other interested parties. (5 CCR 14103)

The district's Transportation Guidelines contain information regarding Bus Ridership Rules and Regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, driver authority, student bus conduct, the suspension of riding privileges, and the use of surveillance cameras on district busses. The Transportation Guidelines are found on the district's website under the Transportation Department link.

Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct. Riders who fail to comply with Bus Ridership Rules and Regulations shall be reported to the school principal, who shall determine the severity of the misconduct and take action accordingly. In all instances of misconduct, the rider and his/her parent/guardian shall be given notice and warning.

The Superintendent or designee may deny a student the privilege of using school transportation upon the student's continued disorderly conduct or his/her persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver. (5 CCR 14103)

### **Bus Surveillance Systems**

The Board believes that the use of surveillance systems on school buses will help to deter misconduct and improve discipline, ensure the safety of students and bus drivers, and prevent vandalism. Therefore, surveillance systems may be installed and used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, and staff that surveillance may occur on any school bus and that the contents of a recording may be a student record and, as such, may be used in student disciplinary proceedings or referred to

local law enforcement, as appropriate. In addition, a prominent notice shall be placed in each bus stating that the bus is equipped with a surveillance monitoring system.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of Board of Trustees

39800 Transportation

39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs

44808 Duty to supervise conduct of students

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48918 Expulsion procedures

49060-49079 Student records

49073-49079 Privacy of student records

GOVERNMENT CODE

6253-6270 California Public Records Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14103 Authority of the driver

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1228 General provisions, school bus regulations

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

*Management Resources:*

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn>

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco>