

BUS CONDUCT

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus drivers, and others, the Governing Board 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.

~~Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.~~

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

Students found to be in violation of the district's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

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

~~It shall be the policy of the district to implement a digital Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) video surveillance system on district-owned busses. Video cameras and Global Positioning Systems (GPS) may be used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities and to track vehicle location, course of direction and speed. The Board believes that such monitoring will deter misconduct and help to ensure the safety of students and staff. Students found to be in violation of the district's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with district policy and regulations. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, school bus video recordings also may be used to resolve complaints by students and/or parents/guardians and to help employees maintain discipline.~~

~~The implementation of such a system is solely for the protection of district property and assets from theft and vandalism, and to maintain safety and discipline through deterrence and video documentation and GPS tracking. There is no real-time monitoring. The systems are not designed or intended to protect individuals from being victims of violent or property crime, or to detect other potentially illegal or undesirable activities which may occur. However, any information about illegal activities or activities in violation of district policies obtained through the~~

~~video recordings or GPS records may be used to assist the district or law enforcement as evidence in such cases.~~

~~Audio recordings shall not be utilized by school district officials for surveillance purposes; such prohibition does not preclude the use of audio recordings by law enforcement officials in accordance with their official duties and/or otherwise authorized by law.~~

~~Any video recording used for surveillance purposes in school busses shall be the sole property of the district. Video recordings and GPS records will be reviewed in the event of damage or loss of property, or when there are indications that a crime has been committed or that district policies have been violated. All video recordings and GPS records will be secured to avoid tampering and ensure confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Release of such videos and records will be made only as permissible pursuant to applicable law.~~

~~Appropriate signage will be posted on school busses notifying students, staff and the general public of the district's use of surveillance cameras and GPS systems. Students and staff will receive additional notification, as appropriate, regarding the use of surveillance cameras and GPS systems on school busses.~~

~~The implementation of the surveillance system shall not replace the need for ongoing vigilance of the district security personnel or school supervision.~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

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>