

## Board of Trustees Douglas County School District

## OPERATIONS

### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation of District students to and from school is a privilege wholly within the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Board may purchase, equip, and maintain vehicles for the transportation of students from home to school and from school to home at the beginning and ending of the school day and for the transportation of students on field trips and extracurricular trips. Transportation may be provided for Kindergarten students to and from school sites with students zoned at ten (10) or more miles from the school of attendance.

The Board may provide transportation to District students in any grade level who live more than one mile from their school of attendance; distance from school shall be measured by the shortest safe, convenient walking path. Severely handicapped students and students assigned to special programs for the handicapped may be transported regardless of their distance from school.

Bus transportation routes shall be built around reasonable collection points. The Board reserves the right to deny transportation along any road that is not maintained.

Students transferred to another school or district at parental request must assume responsibility for their own transportation unless existing routes can accommodate them.

The responsibility of the Board for pupil safety and discipline begins when students enter the bus and ends when students leave the bus. The school bus driver shall be responsible for the discipline of students while they are being transported to or from school. When a problem in pupil conduct requires stringent discipline, the driver shall report it to the building principal. A pupil may be suspended from bus transportation by the principal or supervisor of transportation for disciplinary reasons, in which case the parents shall be responsible for the pupil's transportation.

Video cameras may be used on school buses to monitor student behavior. The Board believes that such monitoring will deter misconduct and help 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.

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The Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, and staff that video surveillance may occur on any school bus and that video recordings may be used in student disciplinary proceedings. This notification shall include a copy of the District policy and regulations on bus conduct. In addition, a prominent notice shall be placed in each bus stating that the bus is equipped with a video monitoring system.

The Superintendent or designee shall routinely review videotapes taken on school buses and shall document any observation of student misconduct. Two weeks after this review, the Superintendent or designee may erase any tapes that do not show incidents of misconduct. Tapes retained as part of an individual student's disciplinary record shall be maintained in accordance with law and Board policy governing the access, review, and release of student records.

The Superintendent or designee shall prepare a map of the District indicating each bus stop and bus route or prepare a schedule of bus stops and an itinerary of bus routes to be used in conjunction with a District map, and shall make available rules governing pupil conduct during transport to and from school; such rules shall be binding on all students transported by the Board.

[See Administrative Regulation related to this Policy](#)

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