# ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION

## **Board of Trustees Douglas County School District**

### **OPERATIONS**

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#### **School Bus Rules**

The Main responsibility of the bus driver is to transport students safely to and from school. The following rules are in place to create a safe and respectful environment for students and staff being transported by bus.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION GUIDELINES:**

FIRST OFFENSE - A written warning and phone call to parent. Riding privileges could be suspended on first offense depending on severity.

SECOND OFFENSE - Three to five day suspension of riding privileges on all buses. THIRD OFFENSE - Two or more week suspension of riding privileges on all buses. FOURTH OFFENSE - Riding privileges suspended for the remainder of the school year.

- 1. The driver is in complete charge of the passengers he/she is transporting.
- 2. Students are to remain seated, facing forward, with hands to themselves at all times when the bus is in motion.
- 3. Students are to be at the bus stop 5 minutes early, board and exit the bus in a safe manner and follow the driver's directions before crossing.
- 4. Loud or profane language is not allowed. Students must observe quiet time when the driver feels it is necessary. Personal music may be listened to with headphones.
- 5. A note from the office is required for any change for stop deviation.
- 6. Fighting; violence, of any kind; or boisterous activity could result in suspension of riding privileges to all parties involved.
- 7. Pupils shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow pupils and passers-by.
- 8. Harassment and/or bullying will not be tolerated.

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- 9. The following items will not be allowed on the bus: Weapons, skateboards, large objects, live animals, tobacco products, matches, lighters, laser pointers, scooters or any item that could be used as a weapon.
- 10. Nothing may be thrown inside or out of the bus.
- 11. No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus.

#### Video surveillance

Busses may be equipped with video surveillance equipment and surveillance is possible at any time the bus is in use. Busses will be clearly marked so that students will be aware there is a possibility there is a camera in use. The district reserves the right to carry out discipline procedures whether or not video surveillance was used to document the behavior or event.

See Policy related to this Administrative Regulation See also: Administrative Regulations 809

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