

STUDENTS

Bus Conduct

Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. 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.

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

(cf. 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 – Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities)
(cf. 3542 – School Bus Drivers)
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)
(cf. 5131 – Conduct)

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.

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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.

(cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

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.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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>

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