

BUS CONDUCT

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

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.

Bus Safety Monitoring Systems

The Board of Education believes that the use of monitoring systems on school buses will help to ensure the safety of students and bus drivers, deter misconduct and improve discipline, and prevent vandalism. Therefore, such systems may be installed and used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities. A prominent notice shall be placed in each bus stating that the bus is equipped with such a monitoring system.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, and staff that video monitoring 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. The video recordings shall only be viewed by Office of Education personnel with a need to review them for the purpose of observing student behavior on the bus. In order to protect student privacy, parents/guardians will not be allowed to view school bus videos in order to protect the privacy of other students who may appear in any bus behavior episode. Recordings will be retained and disposed of in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5125—Student Records.

Legal References:

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