

## **Students**

BP 5131.1 (a)

### **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.

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

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. (5 CCR 14103)

*(cf. 3452 - School Bus Drivers)*

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.

**BUS CONDUCT (Continued)**

*(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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