

Student Conduct on School Transportation**I. PRIVILEGE OF TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation of children to and from school is a privilege which is extended to students conditional upon their satisfactory behavior on the bus. Good behavior on a school bus is important particularly from a safety standpoint.

A student, on a school bus or while awaiting transportation who violates the regulations for student behavior or any Board policy or who endangers persons or property, may be subject to suspension or expulsion from transportation privileges and may be subject to further discipline according to the provisions of Board policy.

Bus drivers are required to enforce all rules and regulations adopted by school authorities for the conduct of the pupils who ride the bus.

Students should be informed of bus policy annually.

The Board of Education recognizes the district's responsibility to maintain order, discipline, safety and security on school buses. The Board of Education also desires to afford students privacy with respect to the records maintained by the district. The Board of Education recognizes the value of electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school buses to protect the health, welfare and safety of its students. The students and staff of the district recognize that their security and safety depends upon the district to maintain discipline and that a certain amount of restraint upon the activities of students is assumed and expected.

The Board of Education having carefully weighed and balanced the rights of privacy of students against the district's duty to maintain order, discipline, safety and security finds that it is appropriate to provide for the use of video camera surveillance in its school buses as follows:

1. The district shall notify its students and staff that video surveillance will occur on any school bus. The district shall incorporate said notice in the student handbook;
2. The use of video surveillance equipment in school buses shall be supervised by the Superintendent of Schools or designee;
3. The use of video recordings from surveillance equipment shall be subject to the other policies of the district including policies concerning the confidentiality of student records;
4. Video surveillance shall only be used to promote the order, safety and security of students and property.

II. BUS REGULATIONS

1. All bus students will be picked up and dropped off only at officially designated stops.
2. Students shall board buses promptly.

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3. Buses will not wait for tardy students who are not at their designated stops at required times.
4. Bus passes must be carried by students to be presented to the driver upon request.
5. Pupils must take their seats when they enter the bus and remain seated while the bus is in motion.
6. Pupils should get on and off the bus only when the bus is fully stopped.
7. Upon entering and leaving the bus, pupils shall avoid crowding or in any way disturbing others.
8. No pupil shall leave or board the bus without permission of the driver or proper school authorities. Buses will stop only at designated stops.
9. Windows will not be opened except with the permission of the bus driver.
10. Students who are required to cross a street when boarding or leaving the bus shall cross only in front of the bus after all vehicles traveling the street have come to a full stop.
11. The rear door of the bus shall not be used except in an emergency and only when the bus has completely stopped. The signal in an emergency for use of the rear door must be given by the driver.
12. Students may not eat or drink on the bus.
13. Students will not push or trip another student and may not fight.
14. Students will not engage in loud and boisterous conduct.
15. Students will not use profanity.
16. Throwing articles in or around the bus or out windows of the bus is prohibited.
17. Smoking is prohibited.

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
10-186. Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance.
10-220. Duties of boards of education.
10-221. Boards of education to prescribe rules.
10-233c. Suspension of pupils.
Title I - Amendments to the Individual with Disabilities Act. (PL 105-17)
Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, sec. 438, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g (1988).

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