

Policy 5131.1: Bus Conduct

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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 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)

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. (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.

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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

13 CCR 1200-1294

5 CCR 14103

Ed. Code 35160

Description

Motor carrier safety

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Ed. Code 39800-39860	Transportation services
Ed. Code 39839	Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs
Ed. Code 44808	Duty to supervise conduct of students
Ed. Code 48900	Grounds for suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 48918	Rules governing expulsion procedures
Ed. Code 49060-49079	Student records
Ed. Code 49073-49079	Privacy of student records
Gov. Code 7920.000-7930.215	California Public Records Act
Federal	Description
20 USC 1232g	Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
34 CFR 99.1-99.67	Family Educational Rights and Privacy
Management Resources	Description
National Institute of Justice Publication	The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Office of the Chief Privacy Officer
Website	CSBA

Cross References

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3515	Campus Security
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5131.62	<u>Tobacco</u>
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5144	<u>Discipline</u>
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5144.1	<u>Suspension And Expulsion/Due Process</u>
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5144.4	<u>Required Parental Attendance</u>
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6145	<u>Extracurricular And Cocurricular Activities</u>
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6153	<u>School-Sponsored Trips</u>
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