



Students

Bus Conduct

Because school bus passengers' behavior can directly affect their safety and the safety of others, the following regulations apply at all times when students are riding a school bus, including school activity trips.

1. Riders shall follow the instructions and directions of the bus driver at all times.
(*cf. 3542 – School bus Drivers*)
2. Riders shall arrive at the bus stop five minutes before scheduled departure time and stand in a safe place to wait quietly for the bus.

The following list of student actions constitute violations of the established rules and requirements:

1. Abusive body contact (slapping, hitting, poking, shoving, pulling hair, etc.) in or when loading or unloading bus.
2. Fighting on the bus or at the bus stop.
3. Using other than the student's regularly designated bus stop.
4. Using profane language or obscene gestures.
5. Unauthorized exits (from emergency doors, windows, etc.).
6. Putting any part of body out of bus window at any time.
7. Any movement OUT of seats while bus is in motion.
8. Riding bus after receiving no ride penalty.
9. Legs, feet and objects obstructing aisle or facing to the rear in seats.
10. Creating excessive noise.
11. Any improper bus stop procedures (not lining up, rock throwing, playing in streets, any property damage at bus stops, etc.).
12. Unauthorized opening, closing or tampering of any kind with bus doors.



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13. Any type of damage or defacing of bus.
14. Lighting of matches, cigarettes, smoking on bus.
15. Throwing any objects in, out of, or at the bus.
16. Littering of any kind.
17. Transporting live animals, reptiles or insects on a school bus.
18. Eating or drinking on the bus.
19. Disrespect to the bus driver.
20. Giving improper identification when requested by driver.
21. Tampering with radio or bus controls.
22. Failure to obey driver.
23. Failure to remain quiet at all railroad crossings.
24. Endangering life and limb of other people.
25. Other unauthorized or unsafe actions.

Riders who fail to comply with the above rules shall be reported to the school principal, who shall determine the severity of the misconduct and take action accordingly. In all instances of misconduct, the rider and his/her parent/guardian shall be given notice and warning. In the case of a severe violation or repeated offenses, the rider may be denied transportation for a period of time determined by the principal, up to the remainder of the school year.

Bus drivers shall not deny transportation except as directed by the principal. Upon notification of suspension of bus riding privileges, the student may not ride any bus until a conference has been held.

Video Camera Surveillance



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The Superintendent or designee shall supervise the use and maintenance of video cameras.

Students and staff shall not tamper or interfere with video camera equipment on school buses.

Camera supports shall be installed in all buses, and cameras shall be rotated among the buses and activated at the discretion of the Superintendent or designee.

The Superintendent or designee shall routinely review videotapes taken on school buses and shall document any evidence of student misconduct. Two weeks after this review, the Superintendent or designee may erase any tapes that do not show incidents of misconduct.

Tapes retained as part of an individual student's disciplinary record shall be maintained in accordance with law and Board policy governing the access, review and release of student records. Tapes retained as part of an expulsion record are nonprivileged, disclosable public records pursuant to *Education Code 48918*.

(*cf. 5125 – Student Records*)

Videotapes may be reviewed by persons other than the Superintendent or designee under the following conditions:

1. When student misconduct is revealed as a result of a school bus videotape or reported to the Superintendent or designee by a student, staff member or parent/guardian, students involved in the incident and their parents/guardians may ask the Superintendent or designee for an opportunity to view the videotape.
 - a. Request for viewing must be made within five school days of receiving notification that misconduct occurred.
 - b. A viewing shall be provided or denied with five days of the request.
 - c. Viewing will be limited to those frames containing the incident of misconduct.
2. Bus drivers and school administrators may ask to view a videotape in order to observe a specific problem and work toward its solution.
3. Viewing shall occur only at a school-related site and in the presence of the Superintendent or designee.