



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

Student management and supervision by the district includes the securing of desirable and acceptable behavior by all students riding the buses of the district. While the primary responsibility for a student's conduct rests with the parents/guardians and the administrators of the school, the school bus driver is responsible for the health, safety and welfare of each passenger while in transit. The school bus driver has the same type of responsibility for the student as the classroom teacher and administrators and students remain subject to school rules and regulations while they are passengers on school vehicles.[1]

Definitions

The use of video cameras on a school vehicle is an aid to monitor bus discipline. It enables the district to implement and enforce the discipline policy. The basic safe riding rules must be carried out. Further, there will be zero tolerance for violence on the school bus.

The term **video cameras**, as used in this policy, shall include cameras with both video and audio recording.

The term **school vehicle** as used in this policy, shall include all school buses and vehicles owned by, registered to, and/or contracted by the district.

Guidelines

The procedures established by the district are designed to ensure safety, prompt arrivals and departure of buses, and appropriate behavior by students. Violations of these rules may result in the suspension of bus riding privileges or other sanctions or discipline as provided for in the policies of the district and/or the appropriate school handbook.[2]

Video cameras may be placed in any school vehicle. All students are subject to being videotaped on the school bus at any time. Notification to parents will be made annually in a letter mailed to each student's home address. The actual taping may be audio and video or only video.

Depending upon the frequency, the number of incidences of misconduct or the seriousness, video monitoring of a particular school vehicle or bus route may be done more extensively. The Superintendent or Dispatcher shall have the authority to decide if more extensive monitoring is

needed on a case-by-case basis or as circumstances otherwise reasonably require. Video monitoring is not intended to relieve bus drivers of their responsibilities of submitting disciplinary reports.

The Dispatcher may periodically review videotapes randomly selected to determine incidence of improper school vehicle conduct. If no such incidences are reported, the tapes will be recycled. If incidences are viewed during random selections, the videotapes are to be kept until final resolution, action, and time for any appeals.

Staff and students are prohibited from tampering or otherwise interfering with video recording and camera equipment and/or any records or information concerning the same.

In the event of the use, or proposed use, of a video in connection with disciplinary proceedings, confidentiality considerations shall be enforced, and only those portions of the tape(s) reasonably relating to the alleged misconduct shall be subject to review and/or admission into evidence at an administrative or local agency hearing.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Dispatcher may conduct random viewing of videos, even when a conduct referral slip has not been submitted, to see if disciplinary problems are occurring which are not reflected by conduct referral slips being turned in. Normal disciplinary policy shall then be followed.[2]

The school bus driver may request a review of the video to aid in writing conduct referrals. This shall take place with the Dispatcher or his/her designee in attendance. Normal discipline policy shall be followed.[2]

On each school vehicle where audio and/or video recording shall occur, clearly visible notice shall be prominently posted informing passengers that the vehicle is or may be furnished with audio recording equipment and that audio and/or video recording may occur.

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