

BUS CONDUCT

Descriptor Code: JCBF

In order to maintain conditions and atmosphere suitable for learning, no person shall enter onto a school bus except students assigned to that bus or parents of students or other persons with lawful and valid business on the bus.¹

As bus service is an extension of the classroom, the board expects students to conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with the established standards for classroom behavior and to follow school system rules for bus transportation.

Students are under the supervision and control of the bus driver while on his/her bus and all reasonable directions given by himself/herself are to be followed. A driver may remove a student in the event that the driver finds it necessary for the safety of the other student passengers or the driver, provided that the driver secures the safety of the ejected student for the uncompleted trip. A driver shall report to school authorities as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the route, any student refusing to obey the driver or exiting the bus without the driver's permission at a point other than the student's destination for that trip.²

Any student who deviates from the regular pick-up/drop-off and school must present the bus driver with a note of authorization from the principal or designee.

Any student wishing to ride a bus other than his/her designated bus must have written parental permission and the approval of the principal or his/her designee.

The principal of the student transported shall be informed of any serious discipline problem and may be called upon to assist if necessary. A student may be denied the privilege of riding the bus if determined by the principal that his/her behavior is such as to cause disruption on the bus, or when he disobeys state or local rules and regulations pertaining to pupil transportation.

The suspension of a student from riding the school bus shall follow the same procedures as for any other school suspension.

Students who utilizes a school as a terminal for riding a bus to his/her own school shall abide by the discipline policies adopted by the Board and rules adopted by the staff of the terminal school.

Before departing the bus the driver will check the bus for children.

USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities.

Video surveillance shall be used only to promote the order, safety, and security of students, staff, and property.

Legal References:

1. TCA 49-6-2008
2. PC 261- 2007