



Santa Ana Unified School District

BOARD POLICY NO: 5131.1

EFFECTIVE: 06/22/2021

SUBJECT: **Bus Conduct**

CATEGORY: Students

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE(S): Business Services, Educational Services, Transportation

SCOPE:

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations related to bus conduct, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. The Governing Board shall make these rules available to parents/guardians and students.

POLICY:

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus driver, 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. (cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan) (cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan) (cf. 3540 - Transportation) (cf. 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities) (cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies) (cf. 5131 - Conduct)

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) (cf. 3542 - School Bus Drivers)

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. (cf. 5144 - Discipline) (cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

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. (cf. 3515 - Campus Security)

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. (cf. 5125 - Student Records)



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DESIRED OUTCOME:

Through this policy, the District shall establish procedures related to bus conduct incurred for the purpose of District safety, with the intent to ensure the well-being of students, bus drivers, and others.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:

District Policies and Procedures:

BP 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan

AR 3542 - School Bus Drivers

BP/AR 3515 - Campus Security

BP/AR 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan

BP/AR 3540 - Transportation

BP/AR 3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities

BP/AR 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies

BP/ 5125 - Student Records

BP 5131 - Conduct

BP/AR 5144 - Discipline

BP/AR 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

38000 Transportation

39839 Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs

44808 Duty to supervise conduct of students

48900 Grounds for suspension and expulsion

48918 Expulsion procedures

49060-49079 Student records

49073-49079 Privacy of student records

GOVERNMENT CODE

6253-6270 California Public Records Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14103 Authority of the driver

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1228 General provisions, school bus regulations



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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources:

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE PUBLICATIONS

The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies, 1999

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn>

U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance Office:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpc>

ADOPTION AND REVISION HISTORY:

(9-16) 6-21