

Board Policy

Code No. 711.2

STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Students utilizing school transportation shall conduct themselves in an orderly manner fitting to their age level and maturity with mutual respect and consideration for the rights of the school vehicle driver and the other passengers. Students who fail to behave in an orderly manner will be subject to disciplinary measures.

Although the law requires the District to provide transportation, it does not relieve the parents from the responsibility of supervision until such time as the child boards the bus and after the child leaves the bus at the end of the school day. Nor does it relieve students from the responsibility to behave in an orderly and safe manner on the bus. School bus transportation is a privilege that can be taken away any time a student's conduct might jeopardize the safety or welfare of the other passengers.

Those students guilty of flagrant, repeated, or gross disobedience or misconduct on school buses are subject to suspension within the guidelines of the school district's Student Suspension Policy, Code No. 503.1R2. Continued violation of bus rules will be considered sufficient cause for refusing to transport the student(s) involved, and may lead to suspension from school, depending upon the seriousness of the matter.

The driver shall have complete authority to maintain order on the school vehicle. It shall be the responsibility of the driver to report misconduct to the building administrator, who shall discipline the student in accordance with procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Board supports the use of video cameras on school buses used for transportation to and from school as well as for field trips, curricular or extracurricular events. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior and may be used as evidence in a student disciplinary proceeding. The videotapes are student records subject to school district confidentiality, board policy and administrative regulations.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the building principal, to develop administrative regulations regarding student conduct and discipline when utilizing school district transportation.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 285; 321 (2011).

Cross Reference: 503 Student Discipline
506 Student Records

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