

Decatur County Board of Education

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

4 The school bus is an extension of school activity; therefore, students shall conduct themselves on the bus
5 in a manner consistent with the established standards for safety and classroom behavior.

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

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

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

19 Any student who gets off the bus at any point between the pick-up point and school must present the bus
20 driver with a note of authorization from the parent or the principal of the school that the student attends.

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

23 Students who transfer from bus to bus while en route to and from school shall be expected to abide by
24 the discipline policies adopted by the board and rules adopted by the staff of the terminal school.

25 **USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS**

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

28 Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with
29 established board policy and regulations governing student conduct and discipline.

- 1 The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to video recordings when such
- 2 recordings are considered for retention as part of the student's behavioral record as determined by the
- 3 district and in accordance with the law.

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

- 6 The director of schools is directed to develop procedures governing the use of video cameras in
- 7 accordance with the provisions of the law and established board policies.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-2008
2. TCA 49-6-2118(d)

Cross References

Student Transportation Management 3.400
Scheduling and Routing 3.401
Discipline Procedures 6.313
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316
Student Records 6.600-604