

Elizabethton City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Bus Conduct	Descriptor Code: 6.308	Issued Date: 11/19/07
		Rescinds: 6.308	Issued: 01/21/99

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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30 Students who transfer from bus to bus while enroute to and from school shall be expected to abide by
31 the discipline policies adopted by the Board and rules adopted by the staff of the terminal school.

32 **USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS**

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

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38 Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with estab-
39 lished Board policy and regulations governing student conduct and discipline.

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

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

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

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- Legal Reference:
1. TCA 49-6-2008
 2. P.C. 261 (2007)

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- Cross References:
- Student Transportation Management 3.400
 - Scheduling and Routing 3.401
 - Discipline Procedures 6.313
 - Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316
 - Student Records 6.600-602