

Lakeland Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Bus Safety and Conduct	Descriptor Code: 6.308	Issued Date: 05/12/14
		Rescinds:	Issued:

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

4 The school bus is an extension of school activity; therefore, students shall conduct themselves on the
5 bus 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-
7 able directions given by him/her shall be followed. A driver may remove a student in the event that the
8 driver finds it necessary for the safety of the other student passengers or the driver, provided that the
9 driver 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 or designee of the student transported shall be informed by the bus driver of any serious
14 discipline problem and may be called upon to assist if necessary. A student may be denied the
15 privilege of riding the bus if the principal determines that his/her behavior is such as to cause
16 disruption on the bus, or if he/she disobeys state or local rules and regulations pertaining to student
17 transportation.

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

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

22 **USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS**

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

25 Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with
26 established Board policy and regulations governing student conduct and discipline.

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

- 1 Video surveillance shall be used only to promote the order, safety and security of students, staff and
- 2 property.
- 3 The superintendent is directed to develop procedures governing the use of video cameras in accordance
- 4 with the provisions of the law and established Board policies.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-2008
2. TCA 49-6-2118

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