

# Franklin Special Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term:  <b>Bus Conduct</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.308</b>	Issued Date: <b>01/08/01</b>
		Rescinds: <b>6.308</b>	Issued: <b>11/09/98</b>

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. Parents of students or persons with lawful and valid business  
3 on the bus must have prior approval by the supervisor of transportation and/or the director of schools.  
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5 Since the school bus is an extension of school activity, bus students shall conduct themselves in a man-  
6 ner consistent with the established safety standards and classroom conduct.<sup>1</sup>  
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8 Bus students are under the supervision and control of the bus driver while on his/her bus.  
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10 Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to  
11 and from school or extracurricular activities. Video surveillance shall be used only to promote the order  
12 safety and security of students, staff and property.

13 Students shall ride only on assigned buses and under no circumstance shall friends not assigned to that  
14 bus ride with them.  
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16 To ensure a safe and orderly means of transport, the following guiding principles are established for  
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19 —Be at the bus stop prior to the arrival of the bus.  
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21 —Wait on the sidewalk, away from the curb, until the bus comes to a complete stop and the  
22 driver opens the door.  
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24 —Go directly to an available seat and be seated.  
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26 —Keep aisles and exits clear.  
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28 —Keep noise at classroom level.  
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30 —Keep head, hands, and objects inside the bus.  
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32 —Respect the rights and property of others.  
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34 —Obey the driver promptly and respectfully.  
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36 —Remain seated until the bus has come to a complete stop and use the emergency door only  
37 in an emergency.  
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39 —No profanity, chewing gum, eating or drinking on the bus.  
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41 —No drugs, weapons, hazardous materials, or animals shall be allowed on the bus.

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—No throwing or passing objects shall be allowed on, from, or onto the bus.

—No objects on board that cannot be held on lap.

Failure to adhere to these and other established rules and regulations will subject the student to discipline measures which may vary from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the bus as determined by prior record, the severity of the offense, the age of the child, and frequency of the occurrence.

Bus service, like all other school activities, is the responsibility of the building principal. Therefore, all communications involve the principal or his/her designee.

The parent/legal guardian is held legally responsible for any damage to the bus and/or bus equipment by his/her child.

**USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES**

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

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

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.

Legal Reference:

- 1. TCA 49-6-4001

Cross References:

- Student Transportation Management 3.400
- Scheduling and Routing 3.401
- Zero Tolerance 6.309
- Code of Student Conduct 6.313
- Suspension 6.316
- Student Records 6.600-603