

Students

Summary: A student may be suspended from riding the school bus for up to 10 school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct. Electronic visual and audio recordings may be used on school buses to monitor conduct and to promote and maintain a safe environment.

Bus Conduct

All students must follow the District's School Bus Safety Guidelines Rules.

School Bus Suspensions

The Superintendent, or any designee as permitted in The School Code, is authorized to suspend a student from riding the school bus for up to 10 consecutive school days for engaging in gross disobedience or misconduct, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Prohibited student conduct as defined in the Board policy, 7:190, *Student Behavior*.
2. Willful injury or threat of injury to a bus driver or to another rider.
3. Willful and/or repeated defacement of the bus.
4. Repeated use of profanity.
5. Repeated willful disobedience of a directive from a bus driver or other supervisor.
6. Such other behavior as the Superintendent or designee deems to threaten the safe operation of the bus and/or its occupants.

If a student is suspended from riding the bus for gross disobedience or misconduct on a bus, the Board of Education may suspend the student from riding the school bus for a period in excess of 10 days for safety reasons.

Electronic Recordings on School Buses

Electronic visual and audio recordings may be used on school buses to monitor conduct and to promote and maintain a safe environment for students and employees when transportation is provided for any school related activity. Notice of electronic recordings shall be displayed on the exterior of the vehicle's entrance door and front interior bulkhead in compliance with State law and the rules of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety. Notice of the District's policy regarding electronic recordings on school buses shall also be provided to students and parents/guardians in student handbooks.

Students are prohibited from tampering with the electronic recording devices. Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined in accordance with the Board's discipline policy and shall reimburse the School District for any necessary repairs or replacement.

Electronic recordings made on school buses are not student records but are confidential and may be reviewed, listened to, or used only by school officials, their designees, and law enforcement professionals for investigations, school disciplinary actions or hearings, proceedings under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 and criminal prosecutions related to incidents occurring in and around the school bus.

The content of an electronic recordings made on school buses may become part of a student's school record to the extent school officials use and maintain the content for a particular reason regarding that specific student. Electronic recordings that become part of a student's school record shall not be a public record.

LEGAL REF.: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99.105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6, and 10.720 ILCS 5/14-3(m).23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 375, Student Records.

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 4:170 (Safety), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:340 (Student Records)

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