## LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Revised Policy 5131.1

### **Students**

### **Bus Conduct**

Bus transportation is a privilege extended only to students who display appropriate conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Continued disorderly conduct or persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations related to bus conduct, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. The Board of Education shall make these rules available to parents/guardians and students.

In order to help ensure the safety and well-being of students, bus drivers, and others, the Board of Education expects students to exhibit appropriate and orderly conduct at all times when using school transportation, including while preparing to ride, riding, or leaving the bus.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish regulations related to student conduct on buses, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges. He/she shall make these rules available to parents/guardians, students, and other interested parties.

Students found to be in violation of the district's bus conduct rules shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee may deny a student the privilege of using school transportation upon the student's continued disorderly conduct or his/her persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver.

## Bus Surveillance Systems

The Board believes that the use of surveillance systems on school buses will help to deter misconduct and improve discipline, ensure the safety of students and bus drivers, and prevent vandalism. Therefore, surveillance systems may be installed and used on school buses to monitor student behavior while traveling to and from school and school activities.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, and staff that surveillance may occur on any school bus and that the contents of a recording may be a student record and, as such, may be used in student disciplinary proceedings or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate. In addition, a prominent notice shall be placed in each bus stating that the bus is equipped with a surveillance monitoring system.

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Legal References: Education Code

35160 Authority of Board of Educations

39800 Transportation

44808 Duty to supervise conduct of students

48918 Expulsion procedures

Title 5

14103 Authority of the driver

Title 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

**Board Policy** 

3540 - Transportation

3541.2 - Transportation for Students with Disabilities or Handicaps

3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage

5144 - Discipline

## Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State Description

13 CCR 1200-1294 <u>Motor carrier safety</u> 5 CCR 14103 <u>Authority of the driver</u>

Ed. Code 35160

Authority of governing boards

The Code 35160

Ed. Code 39800-39860 Transportation services

Ed. Code 39839 <u>Transportation of guide dogs, signal dogs, service dogs</u>

Ed. Code 44808

Ed. Code 48900

Ed. Code 48918

Duty to supervise conduct of students

Grounds for suspension or expulsion

Rules governing expulsion procedures

Ed. Code 49060-49079 <u>Student records</u>

Ed. Code 49073-49079 <u>Privacy of student records</u>
Gov. Code 7920.000-7930.215 <u>California Public Records Act</u>

Federal Description

20 USC 1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of

1974

34 CFR 99.1-99.67 Family Educational Rights and Privacy

Management Resources Description

National Institute of Justice Publication The Appropriate and Effective Use of Security Technologies

in U.S. Schools: A Guide for Schools and Law Enforcement

Agencies, 1999

Website <u>CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal</u>

<u>Services</u>

Website <u>California Department of Education, Office of School</u>

**Transportation** 

Website U.S. Department of Education, Family Policy Compliance

<u>Office</u>

Website <u>CSBA</u>

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