

Dickson County Board of Education

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

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

10 In order to maintain conditions and atmosphere suitable for learning, no person shall enter onto a school
11 bus except students assigned to that bus or parent(s)/guardian(s) of students or other persons with lawful
12 and valid business on the bus, school staff or approved chaperones.¹

13 The principal of the student transported shall be informed by the bus driver of any serious discipline
14 problem and may be called upon to assist if necessary. A student may be denied the privilege of riding
15 the bus if the principal determines that his/her behavior is such as to cause disruption on the bus or if
16 he/she disobeys applicable policies and procedures pertaining to student transportation.

17 Any student who gets off the bus at any point between the pick-up point and school shall present the bus
18 driver with a note of authorization from the parent/guardian or the principal of the school that the student
19 attends.

20 Any student wishing to ride a bus other than his/her designated bus shall have written parental permission
21 and the approval of the principal/designee.

22 Students who transfer from bus to bus while in route to and from school shall be expected to abide by
23 the discipline policies adopted by the Board and procedures maintained by the terminal school.

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

26 **USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS**

27 Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles while transporting students
28 to and from school or extracurricular activities. Video surveillance shall be used only to promote the
29 order, safety and security of students, staff and property.

- 1 The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to photographs and video
- 2 footage.³ These materials shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) calendar days, but maybe saved
- 3 digitally if the need arises. Access to viewing recordings will be limited to school administrators and
- 4 their designee for investigative or management needs only. All requests for viewing video footage must
- 5 be sent to the Director of Schools in writing, by subpoena or through an Order of the Court.

- 6 The Director of Schools shall develop procedures governing the use of cameras and video cameras in
- 7 accordance with the provisions of state and federal law.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-2008
2. TCA 49-6-2118(d)
3. TCA 10-7-504; 20 USCA §1232g
4. Public Acts of 2019, Chapter No. 256

Cross References

Student Transportation Management 3.400
Scheduling and Routing 3.401
Code of Conduct 6.300
Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316
Student Records 6.600
Annual Notification of Rights 6.601
Inspection and Correction Procedure 6.602