

Cocke County Board of Education

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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 or parent(s)/guardian(s) of students or other persons with lawful
3 and valid business on the bus.¹

4 The school bus is an extension of school activity; therefore, students shall conduct themselves on the bus
5 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 reasonable
7 directions given by him/her shall be followed. A driver may remove a student in the event that the driver
8 finds it necessary for the safety of the other student passengers or the driver, provided that the driver
9 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 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 en 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 **USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO FOOTAGE**

25 Cameras or video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school buses transporting
26 students to and from school or extracurricular activities. Photographs and video footage shall be used
27 only to promote the order, safety, and security of students, staff, and property.

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

30 The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to photographs and video
31 footage.³ These materials shall be maintained for 12 months or until incident investigation is complete.

- 1 Parent(s)/guardian(s) may submit requests to view photographs and video footage to the Director of
- 2 School/designee, and a time shall be arranged for viewing. The Director of Schools/designee shall be
- 3 present when parent(s)/guardian(s) are provided the opportunity to review photographs and video
- 4 footage.⁴
- 5 The Director of Schools shall develop procedures governing the use of cameras and video cameras in
- 6 accordance with the provisions of state and federal law and established board policies.

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