

## **STUDENT CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

### **GENERAL**

The safety and welfare of students shall be a primary consideration in matters pertaining to student transportation. The Student Conduct, Discipline and Attendance Code (the “Code”)the policies that govern the conduct of students) are posted on the District’s web page. The Transportation Procedures and Safety Rules (the “Rules”)the rules that govern the conduct of students in relation to District transportation) are posted on the District’s Transportation web page. The Code and the Rules shall apply during all phases of a student’s transportation by Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District). This shall include, but is not limited to, in or on any school bus or other District vehicle, and at any school bus stop. In addition, this regulation applies regardless of whether the student is being transported to or from school, to or from a field trip, or is being transported by a District vehicle for any other reason.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The District shall publish and promulgate the Code on the District’s website. The Director of Transportation will develop, maintain, and publish the Rules on the District’s website consistent with the Code. The Director shall use approved strategies for developing, communicating and teaching student expectations for safe conduct as it pertains to student transportation services.

Each student is responsible for complying with the Code and the Rules. Parents/guardians are expected to review and discuss the Rules with their students. Both shall be aware of all District policies concerning the Code in an effort to help them understand and assume responsibility for safe, appropriate, and acceptable school bus conduct.

The school bus driver shall have the authority and responsibility to maintain order on the school bus. Students will be required to act in accordance with all policies and regulations pertaining to student transportation. The driver will report student unsafe behavior or other misconduct to the Transportation Department Director or designee, who will also communicate with the student’s school principal or designee, in a timely manner.

Unless otherwise provided by law, the Department of Transportation supervisor shall have the authority to discipline any student who commits an infraction of the Rules, and the supervisor has the authority to suspend the riding privileges of any student whose behavior threatens to place or places the student and/or others in an unsafe situation. A student’s parent/guardian will be notified of a suspension from bus transportation for their student.

### **INFRACTIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

The Code provides students and their parents/guardians with a summary of the District’s behavioral expectations for students while they are in or on any school property as well as disciplinary actions that the District may or must take in the event a student violates those policies. In addition, to the extent a student’s behavior is detrimental to the welfare of other students or school personnel, the Code also permits the District to impose discipline for a student’s conduct off school property.

The Director of Transportation shall establish a progressive disciplinary process to address

student misconduct on the bus. The Director shall be the deciding authority concerning a student's continued eligibility or reinstatement of a student's privilege of District provided transportation services.

All District buses are equipped with audio and video recording devices and recordings will occur during the school year on bus routes.

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CROSS REFS.:       EEAEC, Student Conduct on School Buses  
                          Transportation Procedures and Safety Rules (D11.org>Departments>  
                          Transportation>Bus Rules)  
                          Student Conduct, Discipline and Attendance Code (D11.org>School  
                          Board>Policies)