

POLICY

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SUBJECT: BUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Vestal Central School District furnishes transportation to those students whose disability or distance from the school make the service essential. Except as otherwise mandated in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), riding these buses is a privilege and may be withdrawn if the student does not comply with the rules and regulations set forth in this District.

Bus drivers shall be held responsible for reasonable and acceptable behavior of students while riding the school bus. Students riding school buses are expected to conform to the rules of conduct in order to permit the bus driver to transport his/her passengers safely.

The Superintendent/designee has the authority to suspend the transportation privileges of children who are disorderly and insubordinate on buses. In these cases, the parents/legal guardians of the children involved become responsible for seeing that their children get to and from school safely. Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to make alternative transportation arrangements for their children who have been suspended from riding the bus.

The Board directs the administration to establish rules and regulations for student conduct on buses. These rules and regulations shall be promulgated to all concerned, including the non-public schools to which students are transported.

Video Cameras on School Buses

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to maintain and improve discipline and to insure the safety and welfare of its staff and students on school transportation vehicles.

After having carefully considered and balanced the rights of privacy with the District's duty to ensure discipline, health, welfare, and safety of staff and students on school transportation vehicles, the Board supports the use of video cameras on its school buses.

Video cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities.

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

The District shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to student records when such recordings are considered for retention as part of the student's record.

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Video recordings shall be used primarily for the purpose of evidence for disciplining of students. However, the District may use such recordings for any other purpose it deems appropriate.

The Superintendent of Schools is directed to develop regulations governing the use of video cameras in accordance with the provisions of law and established Board policies and regulations.

Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), 20 United States Code (USC) Sections 1400-1485
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 156

Historical Notes: former Policy #7341 Video Cameras on School Buses Adopted 9/20/94

Adopted 5/8/12