SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: BUS REGULATION

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Formerly policy 5119	810.2. BUS REGULATIONS
<u>1.Purpose</u>	Safety is the primary consideration in bus transportation. Any noise, disorder, or misbehavior which distracts the driver can cause accidents. <u>PupilsStudents</u> causing such distraction are a menace to the safety of all of the other passengers.
	The use of video and audio recording equipment supports efforts to maintain discipline and to ensure the safety and security of all students, staff, contractors and others being transported on district-owned, operated, or contracted school buses or school vehicles.
	Regulations concerning student behavior on school buses shall apply in all situations in which School District transportation is furnished.
2. Authority <u>18 Pa. C.S.A.</u> <u>Sec.5704</u>	PupilsStudents shall be under authority of the driver while they travel on school buses.
	The Board authorizes the use of video and audio recording on school buses and school vehicles for disciplinary and security purposes.
3. Delegation of Responsibility 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704	1. Audio and Video recording will be used on school buses for the purpose of providing a safe environment for students and staff. Each school bus and school vehicle that is equipped with video and audio recording equipment contains a clearly posted notice informing drivers and passengers of the potential for video and audio recording. Recordings may only be used by district administration for the purpose of student discipline.
	2. Each school year, this policy is included in the student handbook and in any other district publication that sets forth the comprehensive rules, procedures and standard of conduct.
	3. The Board prohibits the use of audio recording on any school bus or school vehicle that is not being used for a school-related purpose.
	<u>4</u> . The district shall comply with the provisions of federal and state law and regulations regarding student record requirements as applicable to the district's use and disclosure of recordings. Recordings considered part of a student's educational

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	record shall be maintained in accordance with established student record procedures governing access, review and disclosure of student records.
	Pupil misconduct on the school bus is subject to the full range of disciplinary action by the school administration including those measures set forth in Board policy.
<u>4. Guidelines</u> Pol. 113.4, 216	Each <u>pupilstudent</u> shall be expected to ride to and from school on his/her assigned bus and leave the bus at the assigned bus stop, unless permission has been granted to do otherwise by the building principal as the result of a request in writing from the parent. In the case of the student who misses his/her bus, it shall be the responsibility of the parent to see that the child is brought to school safely.
	If the temperature is below freezing, or if there is precipitation, students may return to their homes when the bus has not arrived within fifteen (15) minutes after its scheduled time. If the temperature is above freezing and there is no precipitation, students shall wait forty-five (45) minutes.
	References:
	Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Act – 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 5704
	<u>Board Policy – 216, 218, 810</u>
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