

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 13 c.

MEETING OF March 26, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY

Motion to approve revisions to BP 5131.3
Bus Conduct

REVIEWED BY:

Policy Committee
 Finance

SUBMITTED BY: School Board Policy Committee

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL: Michael Robbins, Superintendent, 907 247 2109

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board Policy Committee is proposing approval of revisions to Board Policy 5131.3.

ISSUE/BACKGROUND:

Board Bylaw 9300 states that "The formulation and adoption of written Board policies shall constitute the basic method by which the Board shall govern the school district." Board Policy 0500 and Board Bylaw 9311 both address the ongoing review of district policies and programs by the School Board. The proposed revisions are in line with AASB suggested policy updates

ATTACHMENTS:

- BP 5131.3 Bus Conduct (with revisions)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education **approve revisions to Board Policy 5131.3 Bus Conduct, in first reading.**"

BUS CONDUCT

BP 5131.3

~~Bus transportation is a privilege extended to students who display good conduct while preparing to ride, riding or leaving the bus. Disorderly conduct or refusal to follow the directions of the driver shall be sufficient reason for a student to be denied transportation.~~

Positive, civil, and respectful behavior contributes to the safety and well-being of school bus passengers, drivers, and others. While preparing to ride, riding, or leaving the bus, students are required to observe school behavioral rules, bus safety regulations, and standards of conduct that provide for their safety and welfare, and the safety and welfare of others. Serious and/or repeated disciplinary problems on the bus may result in a student having their riding privileges suspended.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians and students regarding regulations related to bus conduct, bus driver authority, and the suspension of riding privileges.

(cf. 3540 et seq. - Transportation)

(cf. 5131.43 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying)

Video Cameras on School Buses

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District wishes to take all reasonable steps to ensure safe transportation of its students. Students misbehaving while riding on school buses decrease bus safety. One available tool to increase student safety is to install video cameras on school buses.

Parents and students will be advised that video cameras will be in use at various times in school buses. Notices must be given at least annually. Notices will also be posted in the buses.

Only the Superintendent or designee will authorize the specific installation of a camera in a school bus. School officials, the contractor, or parents may initiate the request.

The contractor must maintain complete records any time a video camera is used. The records must include the recording time, the bus, the driver's name and route, a list of any persons viewing the tape, and the final disposition of the tape.

The tapes are confidential. The Superintendent shall impose controls on the viewing of the tape. Viewing of the tape must be restricted to appropriate personnel of the contractor or the district. If a misconduct citation or incident report is prepared, appropriate school district officers and the student's parents/guardians are permitted to view the tape showing the student's misbehavior. Any tape recording made in which the bus was involved in an accident or where criminal actions are indicated will be held as required by law.

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Revision Date:

10/28/2020