

REGULATION ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Related Entries: Policy EAK/700.11

Responsible Office: TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

COMMERCIAL RADIO USE ON SCHOOL BUSES

A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for the use of commercial radios on school buses.

B. BACKGROUND

The Supervisor of Transportation has the responsibility of establishing procedures to regulate commercial radio use on school buses transporting Anne Arundel County Public School students.

C. DEFINITIONS

A commercial radio device is an electronic device used to play different musical and talk show programs.

D. PROCEDURES

1. In order to ensure appropriate use of commercial radio use on school buses, school principals:
 - a. are authorized to direct the temporary or permanent suspension of the use of commercial radios on school buses, while buses are servicing students at their school;
 - b. may limit the use of commercial radios on school buses while buses are servicing students, to stations identified and approved by the principal;
 - c. shall receive and address complaints regarding radio use and forward complaints to the Supervisor of Transportation;

- d. shall communicate decisions, to interested parties affected by the decision, about use or limitation on use to school bus drivers and companies serving their schools. All decisions and updates thereto shall be copied to the Supervisor of Transportation; and
 - e. shall advise the Supervisor of Transportation of any issue that may require consideration or implementation of sanctions against a school bus driver or employer company.
2. In addition, the Transportation Division shall:
- a. provide all school bus drivers and contracted bus companies with information related to official Board Policy and Administrative Regulations on the use of commercial radios on school buses;
 - b. ensure that school bus driver training programs address the relationship between use of commercial radios and sexual harassment, and the liability issues related thereto;
 - c. address and implement sanctions required against persons within the jurisdiction of the Transportation Division; and
 - d. maintain custody of written records received from school principals regarding the use of commercial radios on school vehicles.

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