

# REGULATION

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Related Entries:** EAK

**Responsible Office:** OFFICE OF OPERATIONS, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

### COMMERCIAL RADIO USE ON SCHOOL VEHICLES

#### A. PURPOSE

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

#### B. BACKGROUND

The Director of Transportation has the responsibility of establishing procedures to regulate commercial radio use on school vehicles transporting Anne Arundel County Public Schools students.

#### C. DEFINITIONS

1. **Commercial Radio** – an electronic device used to play different musical and talk show programs.

#### D. PROCEDURES

1. In order to ensure appropriate commercial radio use on school vehicles, school principals:
  - a. Are authorized to direct the temporary or permanent suspension of the use of commercial radios on school vehicles, while vehicles are servicing students at their school;
  - b. May limit the use of commercial radios on school vehicles, while vehicles 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 Director of Transportation;
  - d. Shall communicate decisions to interested parties affected by the decision about use or limitation on use to school vehicle drivers and companies serving their schools. All decisions and updates thereto shall be copied to the Director of

Transportation; and

- e. Shall advise the Director of Transportation of any issue that may require consideration or implementation of sanctions against a school vehicle driver or employer company.
2. In addition, the Transportation Division shall:
- a. Provide all school vehicle drivers and contracted vehicle companies with information related to official Board Policy and Administrative Regulations on the use of commercial radios on school vehicles;
  - b. Ensure that school vehicle 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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