

# Ellicott Middle School

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Attention Middle School Parents/Guardians and Students:

There have been a number of issues that have been occurring on the school buses to and from school at the secondary level. These issues have stirred up several disciplinary actions by the transportation department that the Administration has had to handle. We are seeing a majority of these disciplinary issues occurring specifically on Route 12 to Schriever Space Force Base, Route 8 to Arrowhead Community, Route 3 to Grandview Community, and Route 5 to Log and Oasis Community. This email/letter is a reminder that according to Ellicott School Board Policy EEA that **“The Board of Education authorizes student transportation to and from schools and for field and activity trips in accordance with Colorado statutes and Colorado Department of Education school bus regulations. Furthermore, the Board recognizes that providing student transportation services is not mandated by state or federal law and should be viewed as a privilege by student riders and parents or guardians.”** The main responsibility of any school bus driver is to transport students on buses as safely as possible to their destinations.

In order for bus drivers to do this, video cameras with sound recordings have been placed on all buses to help monitor the interactions between students. This is in accordance with Ellicott School Board Policies EEAEF\*, EEAEF-R, EEAEF\*-E, and EEAEG. The transportation department and building administration have the right to suspend or expel students from riding school transportation according to Ellicott School Board Policy JICC and JICDA. We do not want to suspend or expel students from riding school transportation, so we are asking that you please have discussions with your students on the importance of listening to the bus drivers and behaving accordingly while en route in any school vehicle. If you have any questions comments or concerns for transportation please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Sarah Patterson, Transportation Director, at [sarahpatterson@esd22.org](mailto:sarahpatterson@esd22.org) or (719) 683-2700 x 2216. Any other questions or concerns please feel free to call the middle school office at (719) 683-2700 x 2.

Thank you