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- I. The use of commercial radios assists school bus operators in management of student passengers. However, broadcast messages included within commercial radio broadcasting systems, both public and private, raise potential quality and content issues. Special care must be exercised to avoid broadcasting questionable or undesirable materials.
 - II. While students are in a school bus:
 - A. School bus operators are to exercise caution and appropriate discretion in determining what commercial audio broadcasts and prerecorded materials will be played on radio and playback systems; and
 - B. In no circumstance may a bus operator permit the playback of tapes, compact discs, or other forms of audio playback devices provided by students, unless the item has been approved for playback by the school principal or other school administrator, or provided by a teacher for playback use while on a field trip.
 - III. Principals shall:
 - A. Have the ultimate authority for radio usage on buses serving their schools;
 - B. Have the authority to direct temporary or permanent suspension of radio use on bus trips serving passengers attending their schools; and
 - C. Receive all complaints regarding radio use. The principal will forward complaints to the Supervisor of Transportation for record purposes. The Supervisor of Transportation will act to sanction the bus company and bus driver for excessive complaints.
 - IV. All school bus drivers will receive training in the relationship between sexual harassment and use of commercial radios.

State Law: Educ. Art. §§4-101, 4-108
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Federal Law:

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