

Bus Safety Program

The safety and welfare of student riders shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation.

Safety precautions shall include the following:

1. Students shall be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.
2. Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at least two times a year to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. Passengers of any school bus used on mountainous terrain shall not occupy the front row of seats and any seats located next to emergency doors unless the bus is equipped with retarders which supplement the bus brake system.
4. All vehicles used to transport students shall be inspected periodically to see that they meet safety regulations.

A bus driver who observes a vehicle passing the school bus when the signal lights are activated shall notify the transportation supervisor of the violation and provide him with the basic information required by law. The transportation supervisor shall convey this information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The school district shall comply with all state laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and shall make these requirements known to bus drivers. It also shall cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its school bus safety program.

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School-Owned Vehicles (Use of Seat Belts)

The use of seat belts in school-owned vehicles is mandatory for all personnel using vehicles that are equipped with seat belts with the exception of off-road vehicles.

Drivers of all school vehicles except school buses shall be responsible for insuring that all passengers use safety belts. The driver shall not begin to move the vehicle until the driver and all passengers are belted.

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