

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. The district has the right to review documents that indicate the bus company adheres to these precautions. Safety precautions will include the following:

1. Students will be instructed by the building administrator and/or designee, in September as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in the proper and safe conduct while aboard.
2. Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted by the bus contractor at least two (2) times a year (October-May) to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. All buses used to transport students will be inspected on a regular schedule to ensure that the vehicles meet safety regulations.
4. The school district will only contract with a bus company that complies with federal drug and alcohol testing laws.
5. All drivers will be screened by the bus contractor before employment, for physical condition, proper license, and experience in transporting students. The prior driving record of each driver will be checked for drug and alcohol, or other convictions and a criminal records check must also be completed.
6. All buses approved for the transportation of students will be required to have all necessary state mandated equipment, including but not limited to first aid kit, flares, and emergency equipment.
7. All buses will have a working two-way radio installed and have the ability to be in constant communication with the bus dispatcher.
8. School bus loading areas will be inspected daily by the custodian for any safety hazards.
9. Request for change in bus routing or stops will initially be referred to the bus contractor for a safety evaluation and recommendation.



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

Legal References:

RSA 189:6-a, *School Boards, Superintendents, Teachers, and Truant Officers: School Bus Safety*

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