

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The primary consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation is the safety and welfare of student riders. Safety precautions shall include the following.

1. The transportation program meets all State requirements regarding the training, licensing and approval of bus drivers, standards for buses and safe speeds.
2. Bus drivers shall be required to report to the District all moving traffic violations, accidents, and revocations of driving licenses, in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations and negotiated agreements.
3. Special limits may be set for students if walking conditions, age of student, traffic, or the student's physical condition has a bearing on the student's safety.
4. Bus stops shall be located to provide maximum safety of students giving consideration to: distance from residence, traffic volume, physical characteristics, visibility and weather conditions.
5. Emergency evacuation drills are conducted regularly throughout the school year, but at least once a year, to thoroughly acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency conditions.
6. All vehicles used to transport students are maintained in such condition as to provide safe and efficient transportation service with a minimum of delay and disruption of service due to mechanical or equipment failure.
7. Students in the primary grades are given instruction on school bus safety and behavior within the first two weeks of the school year.
8. School building principals and assistant principals are authorized to suspend a student from school bus riding privileges and/or from school for bus-related misconduct. The Chief Executive Officer or his/her designee may expel students from school buses for bus-related misconduct. The student and student's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be given notice of an intended bus riding suspension/expulsion and an opportunity to appear before the administrator considering the suspension/expulsion before it happens. The District's policy on

suspension of bus riding privileges shall be posted in a central location in each school building and made available to students upon request.

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LEGAL REFERENCES

ORC 3327.014; 3327.09; 3327.10; 3327.16
4511.75; 4511.76; 4511.761; 4511.762-4511.78
OAC 3301-83
3301-87-01
49 CFR Part 383

CROSS REFERENCES

EB, Safety Program
EEACC Student Conduct on School Buses
JG, Student Discipline