

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in matters pertaining to transportation. Students will be instructed as to the proper and safe conduct while aboard transportation vehicles. Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted regularly to acquaint students thoroughly with appropriate procedures for emergency situations.

All vehicles used to transport students will be maintained in a condition that will provide reasonably safe and efficient transportation service with a minimum of delay and disruption due to mechanical or equipment failure. Buses and vans will be replaced as required to provide good equipment at all times.

Complete reports on any transportation accident should be filed in a timely manner. These reports should be brought to the attention of the board as soon as possible.

Drivers will always bring busses or vans to a full stop – with caution lights flashing, if applicable – before loading or unloading passengers. When unloading passengers, the driver will stay in place with caution lights on (if applicable) until the exiting passengers are at a safe distance away from the bus/van and/or clear of the street.

Students who engage in misconduct, including misconduct that threatens the safety of bus operations, may be subjected to removal from bus transportation and/or such other discipline as deemed appropriate by the administration.

Reference: OAC: 210–35-13-115