

BUS SAFETY AND EMERGENCIES: 6606

The Superintendent or designee shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for bus safety and emergency exit drills and for student conduct while riding on buses.

The bus driver is responsible for the safety of his/her passengers, particularly for those who cross a roadway after leaving the bus. No bus driver shall order or allow a student to exit the bus at other than his/her customary bus stop(s) unless so authorized by the Superintendent or designee. In order to assure the safety of all, the bus driver shall hold students accountable for their conduct during the course of transportation and shall recommend corrective action against a student. Bus drivers are expressly prohibited from using corporal punishment.

In the event of an accident or other emergency, the bus driver shall follow the emergency procedures developed by the Superintendent/designee.

At least three (3) times each school year (two actual and one verbal), all authorized school bus riders shall be instructed in safe bus riding practices and participate in emergency drills. One actual drill shall be held within the first six weeks of each semester and shall be coordinated with the building principals/designees. All drills shall be held on school district grounds. At least one verbal drill shall be conducted prior to the second actual drill.

At the start of each field trip or extracurricular trip, the school bus driver shall review with all passengers, the location and use of the emergency exits and emergency equipment, and emergency procedures.

Periodic reviews will be conducted by school bus drivers as scheduled by the Director of Transportation during the school year.

Cross References: Administrative Policy – 6607 Student Conduct on Buses

Legal References:	WAC 392-145	Transportation operation rules
	WAC 392-145-016	Rules for students riding school buses
	WAC 392-145-080	Emergency exit drills and procedures