

Bus Safety

The Superintendent shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for bus safety and emergency exit drills and for student conduct while riding on buses. (See policies 8123, Student Conduct on Buses, and 8124, Emergencies.)

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 knowingly order or allow a student to disembark at other than his/her customary boarding or alighting place unless so authorized by the principal. In order to assure the safety of all, the bus driver may hold students accountable for their conduct during the course of transportation and may recommend corrective action against a student. Bus drivers are expressly prohibited from using corporal punishment.

Emergencies

In the event of an accident or other emergency, the bus driver shall follow the emergency procedures in accordance with the School Bus Driver Handbook (SPI). A copy of the emergency procedures shall be located in each bus. To insure the success of such emergency procedures, each bus driver shall conduct an emergency evacuation drill within the first six weeks of each school semester. The district shall conduct such other drills and procedures as may be necessary.

Student Conduct On Buses

The Superintendent or designee shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses to be included in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Such rules shall include as a minimum the requirements of WAC 392-145-035. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the board for approval.

At the beginning of each school year, a copy of the rules of conduct for students riding buses shall be provided to each student who is scheduled to ride a school bus. The bus driver shall review the rules with the students at or near the beginning of each school year. A copy of the rules shall be available upon request at the district office.

Legal References: WAC 180-20

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