

## **Bus Safety**

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

The safety and welfare of student riders shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to the bus safety program. Safety precautions shall include the following:

1. Students shall be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.
2. Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted at least two times a year to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. Passengers of any school bus used on mountainous terrain shall not occupy the front row of seats and any seats located next to emergency doors unless the bus is equipped with retarders which supplement the bus brake system or the passengers are adequately restrained in a fixed position.
4. All vehicles used to transport students shall be inspected in accordance with applicable safety regulations.

A bus driver who observes a vehicle passing the school bus when the signal lights are activated shall notify the transportation office of the violation and provide the basic information required by law. The transportation office shall convey this information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 42-4-236  
C.R.S. 42-4-608  
C.R.S. 42-4-707 (*certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade crossings*)  
C.R.S. 42-4-1901-1904  
1 CCR 301-26, Rules 4204-R-200 *et seq.*

CROSS REF.: EEAE\*, Use of Wireless Communication Devices by Bus Drivers

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