ROSEVILLE AREA SCHOOLS
Independent Schools District No. 623

Policy 732 – Student Transportation Safety

1.0 Student Transportation Safety Training

1.1 The School District shall provide students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 10 with school bus safety training so that they become competent bus riders.

1.2 Kindergarten-8 students will also receive age-appropriate active transportation safety training, including:

1.2.1 pedestrian safety, including crossing roads safely;

1.2.2 bicycle safety, including relevant traffic laws and use and proper fit of protective head gear; and

1.2.3 electric-assisted bicycle safety, including that a person under the age of 15 is not allowed to operate an electric-assisted bicycle.

1.3 Each school's curriculum for transportation is maintained and available for review in each building.

2.0 Conduct on School Buses and Consequences for Misbehavior

2.1 The student day begins when the student enters the bus and lasts until the student exits the bus after school. In the intervening time, student behavior is governed by Policy 520, Student Discipline. School bus rules are an adaptation of the behavior standards set in Policy 520, with consequences directly related to behavior on the bus ride except in the most severe cases where further action may be warranted.

2.2 Disciplinary action in response to student behavior on school buses will be administered in the same manner as the response to student behavior in the school.

2.3 School bus safety incident reports will be recorded in the same manner as other student behavior reports in the school. Copies of incident reports will be made to the district transportation office when the incident is of a serious or repetitive nature.

3.0 Parent and Guardian Involvement

An integral part of a safe transportation system is the reinforcement of safe rider practices in the home. The district will communicate all bus rules and safety principles to the parents or guardians. Parents are encouraged to be aware of

these rules and standards and to educate and encourage their students to become safe bus riders.

4.0 School Bus Operating Rules and Procedures, School Bus Driver Duties and Responsibilities and School Bus Driver Training

4.1 The School District will maintain safe school bus rules and procedures through its transportation contract or referenced documents. These rules and procedures will at least comply with state and federal requirements.

4.2 Records of serious accidents or driver behavior will be maintained at the district.

4.3 School bus driver training standards shall also be defined in the transportation contract or its referenced requirements.

4.4 Emergency procedures to be followed by school bus drivers and school staff will be defined in the transportation contract or referenced requirements. School staff will also be informed of the Emergency procedures to be followed while on a school bus.

4.5 School bus maintenance standards will be defined in the transportation contract or referenced documents.

4.6 Type III or Activity (Type A) Buses Inspected by the state

4.6.1 A Type III Bus is any vehicle with a capacity of less than 10 passengers that carries students to or from school or on school-sponsored activities. Any Type III Bus used to transport students must carry all emergency equipment required by law.

4.6.2 A Type “A” school bus is a van conversion or bus constructed utilizing a cutaway front section vehicle with a left-side driver’s door. This definition includes two classifications: Type A-I, with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) less than or equal to 14,500 pounds; and Type A II, with a GVWR greater than 14,500 pounds and less than or equal to 21,500 pounds.

4.6.3 Students will not be regularly transported in uninspected private vehicles for school related activities. However, private vehicles may be used in an emergency. The District has no system of inspection for private vehicles, however all private vehicles used for non-emergency transportation shall be inspected by the state as Type III Buses prior to transporting students.

4.6.4 Staff members who transport students in Type III or Activity (Type A) Buses shall conform to the following requirements:

4.6.4.1 Receive annual training or competence evaluation in safe operation of Type III or Activity (Type A) Buses, student behavior management and relevant laws and rules of the road.

4.6.4.2 Driver license checks shall be conducted annually to ensure that all drivers meet district and state requirements.

4.6.4.3 Driver shall perform all safety checks both pre-trip and post-trip to ensure that the vehicle is safe to operate, and carry documentation of these activities.

4.6.4.4 Drivers shall register with the district transportation office prior to driving any students.

4.6.4.5 Drivers shall further conform to the Bus Driver Standards maintained by the Transportation Office.

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