

West Bonner County School District

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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Emergencies Involving Transportation Vehicles

In the event of an accident or other emergency, the bus driver shall follow the emergency procedures developed by the Superintendent and director of transportation. A copy of the emergency procedures shall be located in each bus.

In order to ensure success of such emergency procedures and per Federal Highway Safety Guideline 17 and with 45 CFR 1310, WBCSD must provide all students transported to and from schools in a school bus or multifunction school activity bus with instruction in the location and operation of all emergency exits at least once per semester. Also, provide supervised emergency exit drills to each student transported to or from schools in a school bus or multifunction school activity bus. (2) Before departure on each activity trip, provide all students transported in a school bus, school-chartered bus or multifunction school activity bus instruction on the location of all emergency exits and demonstrations of their operation. Instruction should include a general review of safe riding practices, rules and procedures (SISBO 2018).

Emergency evacuation drills are required and should be conducted at least twice during each school year. Records verifying that drills were conducted need to be kept on file. Students must be prepared to evacuate in the event of a real emergency, such as danger of fire, drowning, or if the bus is in an unsafe position. The emergency evacuation drills should be as close to the real thing as possible. The drill should be discussed with the students prior to the day of the drill. The drill should follow the evacuation procedures for the appropriate exits used. Drivers will stand facing students and inform them they are having an emergency evacuation drill. Drivers will remind students to leave books, lunches, etc. on the bus. The drill will be timed and most important is that the students learn to exit the bus calmly, orderly, and as quickly as possible.

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