

## **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM**

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

1. Children will 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 will be conducted at least twice a year to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. All vehicles used to transport children will be inspected periodically for conformance with state and federal safety requirements.
4. Instruction on school bus safety will be provided.
5. Parents will be apprised of bus procedures and code of conduct thereon and asked to reinforce the schools' procedures and instruction.
6. District transportation is for student use only. The only adults permitted on the bus for daily transportation to and from school and sporting events will be district staff or bus company employees.

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LEGAL REFS: M.G.L. 90:7b as amended by Ch. 246 Acts of 1986 M.G.L. 90:1 et seq.; 713:2;  
713:7L Highway Safety Program Standard No. 17

CROSS REFS: Student Handbooks