

BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

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

1. School bus drivers will instruct children in the proper procedures 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. Drivers need to be sure that all student riders are included in a drill. Proper documentation for each drill shall be maintained on file with the School District. (21-3-131(b)(v))
3. All vehicles used to transport pupils will be maintained in a condition that will provide safe and efficient transportation. All vehicles will be inspected periodically to be certain that they are in good mechanical operating condition. This shall include the following:
 - a. All school buses shall undergo a safety inspection not less than two (2) times each year, with one inspection conducted by a person not employed by the district. A copy of the inspection report shall be on file with the district. (21-3-131(b)(i))
 - b. School bus operators shall perform a daily pre-trip inspection and report promptly any defect or deficiency discovered. Documentation of the inspection shall be submitted weekly and retained on file with the district for a period of not less than one (1) year. (21-3-131(b)(ii))

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