

School Bus Safety Program

A. 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. The Principal or designee will assure that students using District transportation are provided annual instruction as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus, and in proper and safe conduct while aboard. See School Bus Conduct Rules at JICC-R. Additionally, the transportation contractor will assure that emergency evacuation drills from school buses will be conducted at least two times a year to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations (See RSA 189:6-a, I & II). Additionally, the Principal or designee is encouraged to establish guidelines for families relative to safe practices for students in between home and bus stops.¹
2. All vehicles used to transport children will be inspected on a regular schedule to see that they meet applicable safety regulations.
3. All drivers, whether employed by the District or a contracted vendor, and whether certified school bus drivers or contracted carriers under RSA 376:2, VII, will be screened before employment for physical condition, proper license, criminal records background check (per Board policy GBCD), and experience. The prior driving record of each driver will be checked for drug and alcohol or other convictions and a criminal records check must also be completed. All checks and screenings will be conducted in accordance with Board policy EEAEA.
4. To help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of students, passengers and others relative to District provided transportation, the School Board has authorized use of video and/or audio surveillance on school buses. Conducting such surveillance, and the use of any subsequent recordings in student disciplinary proceedings, will be in accordance with board policy ECAF.
5. The transportation contractor will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and will make these requirements known to bus drivers. It will also cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its school bus safety program.

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B. Student Conduct on School Buses. Student conduct on District transportation shall be regulated in accordance with Board policy JICC and School Bus Conduct Rules JICC-R. See also Board policy EEA.

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