

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONSSafety

The superintendent shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for bus safety and emergency exit drills and for student conduct while riding on buses.

The bus driver is responsible for the safety of his/her passengers, particularly for those who cross a roadway after leaving the bus. No bus driver shall order or allow a student to disembark at other than his/her customary boarding or alighting place unless so authorized by the superintendent. In order to assure the safety of all, the bus driver may hold students accountable for their conduct during the course of transportation and may recommend corrective action against a student. Bus drivers are expressly prohibited from using corporal punishment.

Cross References: Board Policy 8123 Student Conduct on Buses
8124 Emergencies

Legal References: WAC 180-20 School Bus Transportation
392-145 Transportation--Operation rules

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Safety

The authority and responsibility of the bus driver should be carefully reviewed at the beginning of each school year. The question is sometimes raised as to what a driver should do with a student who is in violation of bus rules. This situation is included in the background information for Policy #8123, Student Conduct.