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## SCHOOL VEHICLE SAFETY PROGRAM

This policy serves as the guideline for the superintendent's oversight of the transportation supervisor in creating a program to ensure bus safety.

The superintendent shall direct the preparation of a Safe Pupil Transportation Plan that, at a minimum, shall address weapons, pupil behavior, terroristic threats, severe weather, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, and driver/passenger procedures in the event of mechanical breakdowns of the vehicle.

The superintendent shall plan and implement a safety-training program for school vehicle bus drivers and vehicle passengers. The superintendent shall monitor the scheduling of in-service and educational opportunities for transportation personnel to improve their awareness and skills regarding school vehicle safety. School vehicle drivers shall attend local workshops and all in-service meetings.

Administrative rules and regulations shall be adopted to govern the safe operation of school vehicles. Students violating these regulations may have their riding privileges revoked or suspended. Parents will be responsible for damage done to transportation vehicles or equipment by their children.

The school district shall conduct school vehicle safe riding practices instruction and emergency safety drills at least twice a year for students who utilize school district transportation. The emergency evacuation drill procedures should be conducted according to guidelines established by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Each school vehicle shall have, in addition to the regular emergency safety drill, a plan for helping those students who require special assistance to safety during an emergency. This shall include, but not be limited to, students with disabilities.

School district vehicle drivers are required to attend each safety drill.

All transportation vehicles shall be acquired and maintained to meet or exceed NDE Minimum Equipment Standards for student transportation vehicles. The superintendent shall develop a systematic preventive maintenance program including daily, weekly, monthly, and annual schedules to insure vehicle safety and reliability. This will include a record keeping system for maintaining inspection reports along with procedures for filing reports and certifications to meet requirements of the Nebraska Department of Education.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-601 to 610

Cross Reference: Emergency Plans and Drills  
Safety Program