



**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish the protocol for safe student transportation and to educate students on safety issues and the responsibilities of taking school transportation.

**II. POLICY**

A. School Bus Safety Rules:

1. Immediately follow the directions of the driver.
2. Sit in your seat facing forward.
3. Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
5. Keep your arms, legs and belongings to yourself.
6. No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horseplay.
7. Do not throw any object.
8. No eating, drinking, or use of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs.
9. Do not bring any weapons or dangerous objects on the school bus.
10. Do not damage the school bus.

B. Methods of Transportation:

1. A school bus is the preferred method of transportation.
  - a. Bus transportation is required for trips over 65 miles in distance.
  - b. There must be at least two chaperones per bus in transit.
2. In instances of transportation other than a school bus, the following safety rules must be observed:
  - a. Student placement in chaperoned vehicles is at the discretion of the teacher.
  - b. One seat belt must be provided for and used by each vehicle occupant and only one person will use each seatbelt.
  - c. No more than 9 people, including the driver, will be transported in any private vehicle.
  - d. No private (non-chartered) vehicle, including vans, with more than nine seats should be used (regardless of the number of passengers).

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- e. Parent/guardian chaperones will not make non-essential, unscheduled stops while transporting students during fieldwork (i.e. stopping at a restaurant or a drive-thru)
- f. Only G-rated movies or music may be played.
- g. No electronics or video games are permissible during fieldwork.

### C. Fieldwork Safety Expectations

1. All transportation for fieldwork shall occur during regular school hours whenever possible.
2. There must be one chaperone for every eight (8) students on site.

#### **Legal References:**

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#### **Related Documents:**

Fieldwork Policy 5604