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School Bus Safety Program

The safety and welfare of all Oyster River Cooperative student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions for the District will follow the SAF-C 1300 School Bus Transportation guidelines which will include the following:

1. The Transportation Director will assure that students using District transportation are provided instruction as to the proper procedure for boarding, riding, and exiting from a school bus.
2. The Transportation Director will assume 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.
3. The Transportation Director is encouraged to establish guidelines for families relative to safe practices for students in between home and bus stops.
4. All school buses used to transport children will be inspected on a regular schedule to see that they meet applicable safety regulations.
5. Bus Drivers are required to fully inspect their assigned vehicle each day.
6. All bus drivers will be screened before employment for physical condition, proper license, criminal records background check, 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.
7. The Transportation Director shall maintain Driver Qualification Files.
8. To help ensure the health, welfare, and safety of students 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.
9. The School District will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and will make these requirements know to bus drivers. It will also cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its school bus safety program.

Cross Reference:

Policy EEA – Student Transportation
Policy EEAEA – School Bus Carriers Requirements
Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses

Legal References:

Chapter Saf-C 1300 School Bus Transportation
RSA 189:6-a, School Bus Safety
RSA 189:9-a Pupils Prohibited for Disciplinary Reasons
RSA 189:13-b, School Bus Driver & Transportation Monitor Criminal History Records Check
49 C.F.R. 40.1-40.13, Transportation Workplace Drug Testing Program
49 C.F.R. Part 382, Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing
49 C.F.R. Part 391, Qualifications of Drivers