

## **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM**

The safety and welfare of student riders shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions shall include the following:

1. Children shall be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.
2. Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
3. All vehicles used to transport children shall be inspected periodically to see that they meet safety regulations.
4. Passengers of any school bus used on mountainous terrain shall not occupy the front row of seats and any seats located next to emergency doors unless the bus is equipped with retarders which supplement the bus brake system or the passengers are adequately restrained in a fixed position.

A bus driver who observes a vehicle passing the school bus when the signal lights are activated shall notify the transportation supervisor of the violation and provide him with the basic information required by law. The transportation supervisor shall convey this information to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The school district shall comply with all state laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and shall make these requirements known to bus drivers. It shall also cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its school bus safety program.

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C.R.S. 42-2-707 (certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade crossings)

1 CCR 301-26, Rules 4204-R-200 et seq.