

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

All buses and other vehicles owned and operated by the school division are inspected for safety in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Department of Education.

All accidents, regardless of the amount of damage involved must be reported to the transportation supervisor.

Crashes involving school buses resulting in property damage of \$1,500 or more or personal injury will be reported to the Virginia Department of Education at least once per month. The superintendent or designee will notify the Virginia Department of Education of any school bus crash involving serious injuries, requiring professional medical treatment, or death within the next working day after the crash.

No person shall use any wireless telecommunications device, whether handheld or otherwise, while driving a school bus, except in case of an emergency, or when the vehicle is lawfully parked. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of two-way radio devices authorized by the owner of the school bus.

The Director of Transportation, in coordination with school principals, will within thirty (30) school days after the opening of school, schedule bus evacuation drills to demonstrate the proper procedure for evacuation in the event of an emergency. This process will again be scheduled during the second semester. At the discretion of the Superintendent and/or the Director of Transportation, such drills may be repeated more than the state mandates (twice per year).

The Director of Transportation will assure compliance with all state laws and Department of Education Pupil Transportation regulations.

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- LEGAL REFERENCES:** Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 46.2-919.1.
8 VAC 20-70-130.
8 VAC 20-70-140.
- CROSS REFERENCE:** EBB Employee Use of School Board Vehicles