

North Santiam School District

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School Bus Safety Program

The Superintendent will organize, develop, and carry out instruction for students in school bus safety and emergency evacuation procedures. The following types of instruction will be provided:

- a. Emergency evacuation through available emergency exits;
- b. Safe operation of windows;
- c. Awareness and knowledge of posted bus safety rules and regulations;
- d. Location and proper use of fire extinguishers.

Students who are regularly transported by the district will be provided such instruction within the first six weeks of each half of the school year. Students who are not regularly transported by the district will be given instruction at least once in the first half of each school year. The district will document and maintain records of the content and dates of instruction.

Busses will not exceed their seating capacities at any time unless an unforeseen or unusual circumstance arises. Passengers will be provided a seat that fully supports them. A seat that fully supports each person and meets the minimum standards and specifications of law for child safety systems will be provided at all times.

During adverse weather conditions, the Superintendent may alter bus schedules or cancel bus services. The Superintendent or his or her designee will advise local radio stations and other media sources of any changes in bus schedules or services.

In the case of emergency or disaster, evacuation of students will be carried out according to the district's emergency plan.

The Board will study accidents involving district busses and will make recommendations to avoid similar accidents.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 811.210](#)
[ORS 811.215](#)
[ORS 815.055](#)
[ORS 815.080](#)
[ORS 820.100 to-820.190](#)

[OAR 437-002-0220 to-0227](#)
[OAR 581-022-1420](#)

[OAR 581-053-0002 to-0015](#)
[OAR 581-053-0512 to-0555](#)
[OAR 735-102-0010](#)

Cross Reference:

Policy EBC/EBCA - Emergency Procedures and Disaster Plans

Policy EBCD - Emergency School Closures