

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in matters pertaining to transportation. Students will be instructed as to the proper and safe conduct while aboard transportation vehicles. Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted regularly to acquaint students thoroughly with appropriate procedures for emergency situations.

All vehicles used to transport students will be maintained in a condition that will provide reasonably safe and efficient transportation service with a minimum of delay and disruption due to mechanical or equipment failure. Buses and vans will be replaced as required to provide good equipment at all times.

Complete reports on any transportation accident should be filed in a timely manner. These reports should be brought to the attention of the superintendent as soon as possible.

Drivers will always bring buses or vans to a full stop – with caution lights flashing, if applicable – before loading or unloading passengers. When unloading passengers, the driver will stay in place with caution lights on (if applicable) until the exiting passengers are at a safe distance away from the bus/van and/or clear of the street.

In furtherance of the technology center's School Transportation Safety Program, the technology center may install and operate a video-monitoring system in or on its school buses or bus stop-arms for the purpose of recording a violation by a driver attempting to overtake a school bus with red loading signals in operation. See technology center policy "Use of Security Cameras."

Reference: OAC 210:35-13-115; OKLA. STAT. tit. 47 § 11-705)