

Storey County School District Policy Manual

Section: (E) Support Services
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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The bus driver has full responsibility and authority for the safety of students while they are being transported on a Storey County School District bus. Drivers will make every effort to drive safely and to encourage good student behavior on the bus so that they may devote their attention to driving. Students must be responsible for their own conduct on the bus so that nothing they do will risk their own safety or the safety of others.

Parents are asked to discuss safety and good behavior on the bus with their children and to be supportive of the driver and the school in insuring a safe ride to and from school. The Storey County School District is concerned with transporting student to and from school in a safe and efficient manner while minimizing the length of time students must be on the bus. The combined efforts and cooperation of students, parents, and school district personnel are essential in maintaining a safe and efficient transportation program. Your cooperation is appreciated.

For safety of students while on or around a bus and for the bus to be operated in a safe manner on the streets and highways, the following conditions must exist:

- a. Students line up before boarding the bus, enter and leave the bus in an orderly way, and remain seated at all times.
- b. Students keep all parts of the body inside the bus, do not throw objects in the bus or out the windows.
- c. Students need written permission from parents to leave the bus if not at the regular bus stop, or to ride another bus.
- d. No eating, drinking, or tobacco products on the bus.
- e. Students cannot bring onto the bus: any animals, weapons, liquors, drugs, or any items related.
- f. Noise levels must be kept low enough that drivers can hear outside bus and traffic noise. Students must be very quiet at railroad crossings.
- g. Emergency doors should be used only in the event of an emergency.
- h. All music instruments must be transported in cargo bins unless otherwise granted by driver. Keep lunch boxes, books, etc. out of the aisle.
- i. When necessary to cross highway, student should wait for driver signal or direction.
- j. Pushing or hitting other student is unacceptable.
- k. Students should face the front of the bus and keep their feet on the floor.
- l. **NO** skateboards.
- m. Any physical abuse of vehicle or verbal or physical abuse of driver *

CONSEQUENCES:

1. Verbal warning, with a written notice to parents which **MUST** be signed before student is allowed to ride the bus in future.
2. Written warning, assigned seat, and notice sent home. upon second reprimand the student will have a conference with principal and bus driver.
3. Upon receiving the third reprimand, the student will not be allowed to ride the bus for three (3) days. A conference will be mandatory with the Superintendent of Schools, Director of Transportation, bus driver, student and parents.
4. Fourth and final reprimand will result in suspension of bus privileges for the remainder of the school year.

* **WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL OF STUDENT FROM SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION.**

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Suspension from bus privileges does not excuse the student from school attendance as required by the compulsory laws of the State of Nevada NRS 392.140.