School Bus Safety Week
The third week of school is designated as school bus safety week.

The familiar sight of yellow school buses on our streets and highways reminds us that school is in session. It is at the beginning of the school year that school districts must teach their students about school bus safety. Minnesota Statutes, section 123.90. Students in grades K-10 must receive school bus safety training by the end of the third week of school. Grades K-3 must receive the school bus safety training twice each school year.

The school district may provide kindergarten students with bus safety training before the first day of school.

The school district shall provide school bus safety training for new students with 4 weeks of their first day of attendance.

Plan for Student Transportation Safety Training
The school district shall provide students enrolled in grades K-10 with age-appropriate school bus safety training. The training shall be results oriented and shall consist of both classroom instruction and practical training using a school bus. Upon completing the training, a student shall be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the following concepts:

- transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right;
- district policies for student conduct and school bus safety;
- appropriate conduct while on the school bus;
- the danger zones surrounding a school bus;
- procedures for safely boarding and leaving a school bus;
- procedures for safe street or road crossing; and
- school bus evacuation.

Each nonpublic school located within the district must provide all nonpublic school students grades K-10 who attend school within the district's boundaries with training.

Charter schools are responsible to provide school bus training for their students regardless if they choose to have the district in which they are located or provide it themselves.

The school district is required to have a written transportation policy (policy #709). As part of the school district's written transportation policy, a school district must develop rules governing student conduct on a school bus and in school bus loading and unloading areas (policy #709R). If a student does not follow the rules, then the student could lose his or her bus riding privileges. Parents would be required to transport their child if this happens. If the student has a disability, consideration must be given to the type of disability and whether the disability contributed to the student's misbehavior.

Although there is not any specified method that a school district must use to document a student's school bus safety training, it is recommended that each student record include information on when the student received the training. It is further recommended that this information be retained for a minimum of one year. This documentation may reduce a district's liability if there is an accident involving the student.

Students taking driver's training instructional classes must receive training in the laws and proper procedures when operating a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a school bus. A minimum of 30 minutes of instruction concerning driving around a school bus for persons enrolled in driver training programs are required. The instruction must encompass at least the requirements and responsibilities of drivers and the penalties for violation.

Upon request of the superintendent of schools, the school transportation safety director in each district must certify to the superintendent that all students transported by school bus within the district have received the school bus safety training according to this section. Upon request of the superintendent of the school district where the nonpublic school is located, the principal or administrator of each nonpublic school must certify to the school transportation safety director of the district in which the school is located that the school's students transported by school bus have received training.

Notify transportation if your student will not use Cambridge-Isanti transportation services.
(763) 552-6282

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Transportation
635 18th Ave SW | Cambridge, MN
(763) 552-6287 | www.c-ischools.org
Transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right

Riding the school bus is a privilege, not a right. The school district’s general student behavior rules are in effect for all students on school buses, including nonpublic and charter school students. Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will be imposed by the discipline officer at your student’s school of attendance. Serious misconduct may be reported to local law enforcement.

District policies for student conduct and school bus safety

The school district school bus safety rules are posted on every bus. If these rules are broken, the school district’s discipline procedures are to be followed. In most circumstances, consequences are progressive and may include suspension of bus privileges. It is the school bus driver’s responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the school district’s Transportation Office.

Rules at the Bus Stop

- Get to your bus stop 5 minutes before your scheduled pick up time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.
- Respect the property of others while waiting at your bus stop.
- Keep your arms, legs and belongings to yourself.
- Use appropriate language.
- Stay away from the street, road or highway when waiting for the bus. Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.
- After getting off the bus, move away from the bus.
- If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you.
- Wait for the driver to signal to you before crossing the street.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horseplay.
- No use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.

Rules on the Bus

- Immediately follow the directions of the driver.
- Sit in your seat facing forward.
- Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
- Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
- Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
- No fighting, harassment, intimidation or horseplay.
- Do not throw any object.
- Do not bring any weapons/dangerous objects on the school bus.
- Do not damage the school bus.

Consequences for school bus/bus stop misconduct will apply to all routes. Decisions regarding a student’s ability to ride the bus in connection with co-curricular and extracurricular events (for example, field trips or competitions) will be in the sole discretion of the school district. Parents/guardians will be notified by their principal at their school of attendance of any suspension of bus privileges.

- 1st offense: warning
- 2nd offense: 3-school-day suspension from riding the bus
- 3rd offense: 5-school-day suspension from riding the bus
- 4th offense: 10-school-day suspension from riding the bus / meeting with parent/guardians
- 5th offense: suspended from riding the bus for the remainder of the school year.

The offenses listed above carry over from year to year for students in grades 9-12.

- Severe Misconduct: More serious consequences may be imposed at any time. Depending on the nature of the offense, consequences such as suspension or expulsion from school also may result from school bus/bus stop misconduct. Local law enforcement may be informed.

- Vandalism: Students damaging school buses will be responsible for the damages. Failure to pay such damages within two weeks may result in the loss of bus privileges until damages are paid.

- Respect Self: Go directly to your assigned seat routes. Decisions regarding a student’s ability to ride the bus in connection with co-curricular and extracurricular events (for example, field trips or competitions) will be in the sole discretion of the school district. Parents/guardians will be notified by their principal at their school of attendance of any suspension of bus privileges.


- Respect Property: Take care of the bus. No eating or drinking allowed. Do not tamper with bus safety equipment.

Leaving the School Bus

- Respect Self: Stay in your seat until the bus stops. Remember to take everything with you. Exit from front to back. Quickly exit the “danger zone.” Look both ways and watch for the driver to signal before crossing in front of the bus. When arriving at school, go directly home or to daycare.

- Respect Others: Don’t push or crowd. Use the handrail.

Procedures for safe street or road crossing

- Walk without distraction
- Always follow the Walk/Don’t Walk signal, use pedestrian push buttons at crossings
- Look left, right and left again
- Know your surroundings
- Wear bright colors
- Stay on sidewalks
- Expect the unexpected, walk defensively

School bus evacuation

The school district must conduct school bus evacuation drills at least once during the school year.

There are three different evacuation plans

- Using only the front service door.
- Using only the rear (or side) emergency door.
- Using both the service door & the emergency door.

While Evacuating

- Be quiet and wait for instruction.
- Be alert, move quickly & leave personal belongings on the bus.
- Keep your feet out of the aisle, go out seat by seat, alternating sides.
- Duck your head when going out the emergency door.
- After you are out of the door, move away from the bus as this clears the way for others to follow.
- Go a distance of at least 100 feet from the bus and remain there in a group until given further instructions by the driver.