

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BUS DRIVERS

The school bus driver shall meet the requirements for school bus drivers as set forth by the Wisconsin department of motor vehicles. In addition, the driver will also be required to follow all **{NOTE: applicable?}** De Soto Area School District policies.

- A. The safety and welfare of the bus riders shall be the first consideration of the bus driver at all times.
- B. The driver shall be interested in understanding children, and shall be an example of dignified personal behavior and cleanliness to the riders using the bus. Use of tobacco products or swearing will not be tolerated.
- C. The driver shall be responsible for maintaining order among the students while they are on the bus. This means that the driver is in charge and will be responsible for maintaining the same discipline on the bus as is expected by teachers in the classroom.
- D. In cases when students must be disciplined, the driver will agree to follow the student conduct on school bus policy and procedures.
- E. The driver will be expected to maintain consistency in timing for all routes to which he/she is assigned. This means that students should be picked up at the same time and place every day. Drivers will:
 1. Get to the first pick-up point well ahead of time in the morning but wait until the designated time before proceeding.
 2. Get to the bus well ahead of the normal time in case of inclement weather. This will allow for mechanical problems with the bus or increased driving time due to bad road conditions.
 3. Remember that a bus which runs earlier than its scheduled time causes liability problems when students are left at schools unsupervised.

4. Be required to communicate to the contractor via the two-way radio if a bus is running late because of mechanical problems or road conditions.
 5. Not try to make up time if a bus is late. He/she must wait longer at each stop, to allow riders who may have gone back to their homes, to come back out for the bus.
- F. Bus drivers will be required to conduct emergency evacuations drills on each route at least twice during the school year, in accordance with federal highway safety standards (standard 17).
- G. Bus drivers may allow only authorized riders on the bus. This includes checking bus passes on routes where they are used. (Refer to bus routing and scheduling guidelines).
- H. Bus drivers will not digress from their regular route except for road construction, detours, etc. Students will not be allowed to exit the bus other than at their normal drop-off point unless they have written permission from their building principal.
- I. Any driver who has been involved in an accident must report the accident as soon as possible to both the contractor and the District Administrator's office.

LEGAL REF.: Section 121.52 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REF.: 423, Public School Open Enrollment
443.2, Student Conduct on School Buses
751.1, Bus Routing and Scheduling
751.1-Rule, Bus Routing and Scheduling
Guidelines
751.2, School Bus Safety
751.21, Use of Video Monitoring Systems on
School Buses
751.3, Late Bus
751.4, Transportation Contractors
751.4-Rule, Transportation Contractor
Guidelines
752, Use of School-Owned Vehicles

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