

**DODGELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy Manual**

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BUS CONTRACTORS AND BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The Dodgeland School Board shall contract with private contractors (owners) for student bus transportation. Contracts shall be negotiated for regular school day routes and extra-curricular trips for which bus transportation is appropriate. Contracts between the Board and contractors shall be individual contracts and include the following provisions:

1. Bus drivers shall be informed of and expected to follow all rules and regulations adopted by the federal government, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the School Board, including alcohol and drug use prohibitions and testing requirements.
2. As required by state and federal laws and regulations, all vehicles shall meet required specifications, be inspected regularly, and be maintained in a safe and efficient operating condition in order to prevent delays or disruptions due to mechanical or equipment problems.
3. Each vehicle shall be insured at amounts consistent with legal requirements. A certificate of insurance currently in force shall be filed with the District Administrator prior to the start of each school year.

Since the safety and welfare of student riders is the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation, the bus contractor and bus drivers are responsible for implementing a bus safety program that includes the following components:

- Conduct preventative equipment maintenance.
- Provide functional safety equipment and emergency supplies.
- Establish protocols for emergency situations (e.g., bus delay, breakdown or accident; student illness or injury) and prepare students to respond (e.g., evacuation drills, train to operate safety equipment).

Bus contractors shall cooperate with District officials in operating and maintaining safe, adequate, efficient and economical transportation services. The District Administrator shall serve as the first line of contact with the District regarding transportation matters.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 110.075 Wisconsin Statutes
 111.35
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 TRANS 300 Wisconsin Administrative Code
 Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991
 49C.G.R. Parts 40, 382 and 391

CROSS REF.: 751, Student Transportation Services
 753, Use of School-Owned Vehicles
 School Safety Plans

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