

TRANSPORTATION - EVACUATION PRACTICES

Background

To ensure the maximum safety of the students transported by school buses, the Division requires that bus drivers practice emergency evacuation in accordance with the following procedures.

Procedures

1. All regular bus drivers are required to practice an emergency evacuation during the month of September of each year and at two other times throughout the rest of the school year at the discretion of the bus driver.
2. Since most students are present on the morning run, it is recommended that emergency evacuation practices be conducted at that time.
3. To ensure student safety, it is advisable to practice the evacuation of the school bus at the school site away from traffic.
 - 3.1 If an evacuation cannot be undertaken in safety at the school site, the bus driver is to consult with the Director of Transportation and determine a suitable alternate location for the practice.
4. Students should practice front door, rear door, and front and rear door evacuations so they are familiar with all three methods.
5. The Principal is to be notified in advance regarding the time the bus driver will be scheduling the practice evacuation of the bus.
6. The bus driver is to record the date of the emergency evacuation practice on the bus driver timesheet.

Reference: Section 45, 51, 52, 60, 61, 113, 117, School Act
Traffic Safety Act
School Bus Operation Regulation
Student Transportation Regulation 250/98 (amended AR 197/2000)

Forms: Timesheet - Bus Driver

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