

POLICY EEAE

Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

Related Entries: EEAE-R, EEA, EEA-R, EEB, EEB-R, EEAF, EEAF-R
Responsible Office: Associate Superintendent for Operations

BUS SAFETY

I. PURPOSE

To ensure safe school bus transportation and to be prepared for bus emergencies.

II. BACKGROUND

It is the belief of the Board of Education that students should receive a comparable level of safety on a school bus as they do inside their classrooms. In order to protect bus students, safety measures must be in place with regard to the bus drivers and to the equipment they operate. Proactive emergency planning should also be part of bus safety protocols.

III. POSITION

- A. School bus drivers, whether employed by the school district or employed by a company contracted by the district, shall meet all applicable driving, training and safety statutes and requirements.
- B. All persons who drive LCPS students in a bus, regular or chartered, shall comply with all mandated drug testing.
- C. The Superintendent shall ensure that buses owned by the district, or those contracted for district use, meet all applicable safety and maintenance requirements.
- D. The school district shall establish a process for handling and investigating accidents involving school buses so that injured students and staff are cared for promptly, further injury is prevented and correct and timely information is disseminated to all necessary parties.
- E. Information regarding school transportation policies and regulations shall be available at each school site and on the district website. Bus drivers shall review regulations at the beginning of the school year with bus students.
- F. A disciplinary process with regard to student behavior on buses, including an option for an appeal, shall be established. Students in violation of transportation rules and regulations may have their transportation suspended and/or revoked (See Policy EEA, Student Transportation).
- G. The Superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

IV. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



Board of Education, President

Feb. 26, 2013

Date Approved

History: New Policy, Feb. 26, 2013

Legal Reference: § 22.16.1-11 NMSA 1978; 6.41.4 NMAC