

StudentsSafety

The safety of every student is to be a matter of serious concern at all times. To assure the safety of students while attending school or under school supervision, the board of education sets the following guidelines:

1. School buildings and equipment, including buses, will be regularly inspected for health, fire and safety hazards.
2. Students will never be left unsupervised in class or on the playground during class hours, recess or lunch hour, or while loading and unloading school buses on school grounds.
3. Rules will be made in each school to prevent accidents in buildings and on the playgrounds.
4. A student safety patrol system will be maintained in each school building, where necessary, due to students age.
5. Periodic instruction in safety and first aid will be included in each school curriculum.
6. Provision through the services of the health technician, of first aid care for students in case of accident or sudden illness.
7. Teachers shall instruct students not to accept gifts or automobile rides from strangers, and the students will be instructed to report to the teachers, their parents, police or school patrols, the actions of any suspicious strangers.

School Bus Safety Program

1. The safety and welfare of student riders shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Emergency evacuation drills shall be conducted regularly throughout the school term to thoroughly acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.
2. No measure should be overlooked which will ensure the safety of students entering, being conveyed in, and leaving school buses and those measures which are considered useful for this purpose should be enacted into transportation regulations.
3. All drivers of school buses should be certified by a responsible authority for good character and should pass annual examinations in regard to health and driving ability.

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School Bus Safety Program (continued)

4. The Brookfield Board of Education supports the need for public awareness of safety regulations respecting school buses and urges that a program of public education on this important matter should be carried through the media of newspapers, radio, safety conferences, board and school newsletters.
5. The Brookfield Board of Education should conduct periodic through reviews of school bus specifications so that the safety of students may be given priority in the operation of school transportation systems.
6. All vehicles used to transport students shall be maintained in such condition so as to provide safe and efficient transportation service with a minimum of delays and disruption of such service due to mechanical or equipment failure. Buses shall be replaced at such intervals so as to provide good equipment at all times.

(cf. 3541.35 - Procedures for Bus Drivers re safety)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

14-276a Regulations re school bus operators qualifications; training