

Walla Walla Public Schools

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STUDENT SAFETY WALKING TO SCHOOL AND RIDING BUSES

A comprehensive school trip safety program shall address school walk routes, bus safety and route plans, vehicle access to the school, circulation and parking at the school, pedestrian circulation on and around the school campus and safety education and enforcement.

Safety Advisory Committee

The superintendent or designee may establish a Safety Advisory Committee (SAC) to develop a school trip safety program, review safety concerns, and develop appropriate guidelines.

Bus Safety

The superintendent shall develop procedures establishing the rules for bus safety and emergency exit drills and for student conduct while riding on buses.

The bus driver is responsible for the safety of his/her passengers, particularly for those who cross a roadway after leaving the bus. No bus driver shall order or allow a student to disembark at other than his/her customary boarding or alighting place unless so authorized by the transportation director. In order to assure the safety of all, the bus driver may hold students accountable for their conduct during the course of transportation and may recommend corrective action against a student. Bus drivers are expressly prohibited from using corporal punishment.

Emergencies

In the event of an accident or other emergency, the bus driver shall follow the district emergency procedures in accordance with the School Bus Driver Handbook (SPI).

Student Conduct on Buses

The superintendent shall establish written rules of conduct for students riding school buses. Such rules shall include as a minimum the requirements of WAC 392-145-035 and shall be reviewed annually by the superintendent or designee and revised if necessary. If the rules are substantially revised, they shall be submitted to the board for approval.

Students who become a serious disciplinary problem on the school bus may have their riding privileges suspended. In such cases, the parents of the students involved become responsible for seeing that their child gets to and from school safely.

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Cross References	Board Policy	3200	Students' Rights and Responsibilities
		6510	Safety
Legal References:	RCW	28A.600.010	Government of schools, pupils, employees, rules and regulations for--Due process guarantee--Enforcement
	WAC	180-20	School Bus Transportation
		180-40-225	School district rules defining misconduct--
			Distribution of rules
		392-145	Transportation--Operation rules
		392-145-015	General operating regulations
		392-145-035	Rules for students riding school buses

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