

CHAPTER 9.00 - TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

9.17 - Responsibilities of the Principal

POLICY:

- (1) Under the direction of the Superintendent, principals shall determine that all laws, regulations, and policies relating to transportation are observed by pupils and employees;
- (2) To counsel with the drivers regarding safety and efficiency of service to their schools and make recommendations for improvement;
- (3) At the request of the Superintendent, to make recommendations relating to bus drivers;
- (4) To instruct bus drivers in procedures for conducting school bus evacuation drills and to require that at least two (2) such drills be conducted during the school year;
- (5) To plan the school program so that pupils who arrive early or who remain late on account of transportation service will be under school supervision at all times and will, when practicable, have a planned schedule of activities;
- (6) To assume responsibility for all disciplinary cases which arise in connection with transportation and to counsel with the bus driver as to his/her responsibility for pupil control and the proper manner in which to handle disciplinary cases;
- (7) To suspend a pupil, when such action is considered appropriate, from the privilege of riding a school bus at public expense for a period not to exceed ten (10) days for willful disobedience, use of profane or obscene language, or for other serious misconduct or for continued misconduct, and to report each such suspension in writing to the parent or guardian of the pupil and the Superintendent (Any student who is suspended from the bus fifteen (15) days or more per semester or twenty (20) days or more per school year shall be recommended by the principal to the Superintendent for suspension of bus riding privileges for that pupil for a specified period of time.);
- (8) To develop and carry into effect plans and programs for educating pupils regarding traffic and transportation safety as provided in Subsection 9.05 of these regulations;
- (9) To request authority in writing for special use of transportation equipment, and upon written permission of the Superintendent, to plan trips in accordance with approved rules and policies;
- (10) To assist in planning routes, preparing schedules, and in determining

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which pupils are to be transported when requested to do so by proper authority;

- (11) To plan cooperatively with the Coordinator of Transportation in determining traffic patterns for school buses at his/her school;
- (12) To report immediately to the Superintendent any accident to a transported pupil which occurs while the pupil is entering or alighting from the bus, while crossing the road at a bus stop, or while the pupil is on the bus; and
- (13) To cooperate with all public agents and agencies having responsibility directly or indirectly relating to the transportation service for pupils and to seek improvements of the service.
- (14) A pupil who arrives early or who remains late on account of transportation service shall be under school supervision at all times and shall, if practicable, have a planned schedule of activities. The principal shall be responsible for seeing that such supervision is provided.

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