

**Transportation Responsibilities**

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School transportation services are provided exclusively for the benefit and safety of the student population and are to be used only in support of programs authorized by and under the auspices of the board of education. All drivers shall hold the appropriate operator's permit and shall have passed the appropriate mental and physical examinations as set forth by the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles. The superintendent of schools shall determine regular bus routes with the assistance of bus drivers.

Student behavior regulations while riding the buses will be devised by the superintendent of schools, subject to the approval of the board of education. Students riding the school buses to and from school on the regularly scheduled bus routes shall be under the control of the bus driver. Drivers shall report any student behavioral problems to the high school principal or the superintendent of schools. These school officials will work with the bus driver to resolve any problem. On activity or field trips, assigned adult sponsors shall be responsible for maintaining rider discipline and for reporting infractions to the appropriate school administrator. No student will have riding privileges suspended without consulting with the appropriate school administrator. Any student reported to an administrator for misconduct may be denied bus transportation for a short period of time. Subsequent offenses may result in denial of transportation privileges for the remainder of the semester. Refer to Policy 5510, Student Conduct on Buses.

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| Legal Reference | §79-601 | Pupils, Public or Private, Transportation, Buses, Conditions.   |
|                 | §79-602 | Pupils, Transportation Vehicles, Inspection, Correction of Defects, Violation, Penalty.                   |
|                 | §79-603 | Pupil, Transportation Vehicles, Safety Features. Violations, Penalty.                                     |
|                 | §79-604 | Pupil Transportation, Buses, Operator, Requirements, Violation, Penalty.                                  |
|                 | §79-609 | Pupils, Transportation, Buses, Capacity, Instruction in Safe Riding Practice, Emergency Evacuation Drills |