

TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

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SAFETY STANDARDS	<p>The School shall meet or exceed the safety standards for school buses established by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). <i>Education Code 34.002; Trans. Code 547.102; 37 TAC 14.51–.52</i></p>
STUDENT SAFETY PROHIBITIONS	<p>The School may not require or allow a child to stand on a moving bus or passenger van. <i>Education Code 34.004</i></p> <p>An operator of a school bus, while operating the bus, shall prohibit a passenger from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing in the bus; or 2. Sitting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. On the floor of the bus, or b. In any location on the bus that is not designed as a seat. <p><i>Trans. Code 545.426</i></p>
SEAT BELTS REQUIRED ON BUSES	<p>A bus, including a school bus and a school activity bus, operated by or contracted for use by the School for the transportation of schoolchildren shall be equipped with a three-point seat belt for each passenger, including the operator. This requirement applies to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each bus purchased by the School on or after September 1, 2010, for the transportation of schoolchildren; and 2. Each school-chartered bus contracted for use by the School on or after September 1, 2011, for the transportation of schoolchildren. <p><i>Trans. Code 547.701(e)–(f)</i></p>
STUDENT REQUIREMENT	<p>The School shall require a student riding a bus operated by or contracted for operation by the School to wear a seat belt if the bus is equipped with seat belts for all passengers on the bus. <i>Education Code 34.013</i></p>
SCHOOL BUS EMERGENCY EVACUATION TRAINING	<p>Pursuant to the safety standards established by DPS under Education Code 34.002, the School may conduct a training session for students and teachers concerning procedures for evacuating a school bus during an emergency. If the School chooses to conduct a training session is encouraged to conduct the school bus emergency evacuation training session in the fall of the school year. “Fall” is defined as July 1 to December 31. The School is also encouraged to structure the training session so that the session applies to school bus passengers, a portion of the session occurs on a school bus, and the session lasts for at least one hour.</p>

The training must be based on the recommendations of the most recent edition of the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures, as adopted by the National Congress on School Transportation, or a similar school transportation safety manual.

Immediately before each field trip involving transportation by school bus, a district is encouraged to review school bus emergency evacuation procedures with the school bus passengers, including a demonstration of the school bus emergency exits and the safe manner to exit.

Not later than the 30th day after the date that TSD completes a training session, TSD shall provide DPS with a record certifying the district's completion of the training.

Note: The Reporting of School Bus Evacuation Training form is available at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/FormDetail.aspx?Id=821&FormNumber=SBT-7.doc>.

Education Code 34.0021; 37 TAC 14.54

WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION
DEVICES

A person operating any TSD vehicle may not use a wireless communication device while the vehicle is in motion.

Trans. Code 545.425

DISRUPTION OF
TRANSPORTATION

Any person, with the exception of a student who was in sixth grade or below at the time the student engaged in the conduct, who intentionally disrupts, prevents, or interferes with the lawful transportation of students to and from school on a vehicle owned or operated by the School or to or from activities sponsored by a school on a vehicle owned and/or operated by the School shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. *Education Code 37.126*

If the illegal act is conducted through use or exhibition of a firearm, the person shall be guilty of a felony. *Education Code 37.125*