

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

The safety and welfare of student riders will be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to transportation. Safety precautions shall include the following:

-Children will be instructed as to the proper procedure for boarding and exiting from a school bus and in proper and safe conduct while aboard.

-Emergency evacuation drills will be conducted at least two times a year (Oct.-May) to acquaint student riders with procedures in emergency situations.

-All vehicles used to transport children will be inspected on a regular schedule to see that they meet applicable federal and state standards.

-All drivers will be screened before employment for physical condition, proper license, and experience¹. The prior driving record of each driver will be checked for drug and alcohol or other convictions and a criminal records check, including fingerprinting, must also be completed prior to being assigned duties.

-All drivers will be required to submit to drug and alcohol tests.^{2 3}

-The **Shaker Regional School Board (SRSB)** authorizes use of video and audio surveillance on school buses to ensure the health, welfare and safety of all students while riding on school buses.⁴

The **Shaker Regional School District's (SRSD)** independent contractor of transportation services will comply with all state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school buses and will make these requirements known to bus drivers. The carrier must maintain a Satisfactory Safety Rating, as determined by the US Department of Transportation. The Carrier will also cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its school bus safety program.

¹49 C.F.R. Part 391 (1995)

² 49 C.F.R. Part 40 (2001)

³ SRSD Policy EEAEA

⁴ SRSD Policy EEAA