

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

All buses and other vehicles owned and operated by the division are regularly inspected for safety in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Virginia Department of Education.

All accidents regardless of the damage involved ~~must be~~are reported to the Director of Transportation or designee.

Crashes involving school buses resulting in property damage of \$1,500 or more or personal injury ~~are will be~~ reported to the Virginia Department of Education at least once per month. The superintendent or ~~superintendent's~~superintendent's designee ~~will notify~~will notify the Virginia Department of Education of any school bus crash involving serious injuries, requiring professional medical treatment, or death within the next working day after the crash.

No person ~~shall use~~may use any wireless telecommunications device, whether handheld or otherwise, while driving a school bus, except in case of an emergency, or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the purposes of dispatching. Nothing in this ~~policy prohibits section shall be construed to prohibit~~policy prohibits section shall be construed to prohibit the use of two-way radio devices or wireless telecommunications devices that are used hands free to allow live communication between the driver and school or public safety officials. authorized by the owner of the school bus.

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