

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

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

All accidents, regardless of the amount of damage involved, must be reported to [the](#) Director of [Pupil Transportation and Fleet Management](#).

Crashes involving school buses resulting in property damage of \$1,500 or more or personal injury will be reported to the Virginia Department of Education ([VDOE](#)) at least once per month. The Superintendent or designee ~~will notify~~ [notifies](#) the ~~Virginia Department of Education~~ [VDOE](#) of any school bus crash involving serious injuries, requiring professional medical treatment, or resulting in a death within the next working day after the crash.

No person ~~shall~~ [uses](#) any device, whether handheld or otherwise, including but not limited to all wireless [telecommunications](#) devices, while driving a school bus, except in the case of an emergency, or when the vehicle is lawfully parked and for the purposes of dispatching. Nothing in this ~~section~~ [policy shall be construed to](#) prohibits the use of two-way radio devices [or wireless telecommunications devices](#) authorized by ACPS [that are used hands-free to allow live communication between the driver and the school or public safety officials](#).

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Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 46.2-919.1.

[8 VAC 20-70-130.](#)

[8 VAC 20-70-140.](#)

[Cross Refs.](#) [EEA](#) [Student Transportation Services](#)

[EEAD](#) [Special Use of School Buses](#)

[ICA](#) [Field Trips](#)

[ICA-R](#) [Field Trip Procedures](#)