



The Bus Zone

JANUARY 2008

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Angie's Reminders:

January 18th – No School
February 8th – No School
February 29th – No School

Safety Video Coming Soon

By Angela Moore

I have reserved a 20-minute video called "Winter Driving Safety for School Bus Drivers".

Unfortunately, it may not become available until the end of the month. When we receive it I will 'check' it out to one of you and we will rotate it around until all of the drivers have watched it. I will have you sign a sheet in the office indicating that you watched it.

Bus Security

By Angela Moore

School bus security begins with you – your knowledge and your best judgment. Being able to define and identify security threats and incidents will help you distinguish between a prank and an actual emergency, and enable you to determine your appropriate course of action.

It is hard to give specific directions on how to handle security incidents as no two potential problems are exactly alike. However, keep communicating with Angie or Mr. Phillips.

Safe Pupil Transportation Plan – Basic Driver Safety Tips

From the Nebraska Association of School Boards ALICAP program

- District employees and other personnel are permitted to operate district vehicles only when approved and authorized by the district.
- All employees who drive a district vehicle must have a valid Nebraska driver's license with the appropriate class endorsement(s).
- Never leave the bus without performing a post-trip inspection of the vehicle's interior in search of any forgotten, sleeping or injured passengers.
- Slow down in heavy traffic or densely populated areas.
- Adjust speed for low visibility or adverse weather conditions.
- Slow down prior to intersections or curves. Use appropriate signals well in advance of any action.
- When driving in city traffic, be alert for mistakes or unexpected actions of others, drive slower, and be alert for pedestrians and cross traffic.
- Avoid "tailgating." Use safe following distance. Use the two-second rule: When the vehicle in front of you passes a stationary object, count 1000-1, 1000-2. If you reach the stationary object before you count to 1000-2, put more distance between you and the vehicle in front. On slippery roads, give yourself even more room.
- Use extra caution and slow vehicle speed when approaching children at play or when passing through school zones.
- When driving at night, keep the windshield clean, keep to the right, and avoid looking into the headlights of oncoming vehicles and use low beams.
- Drive at speeds which permit stopping within visibility range of your headlights.
- Engines are to be stopped, ignition keys removed and the doors locked when the operator leaves the vehicle unattended.
- When entering, exiting, or dismounting from a vehicle, watch your footing to avoid slipping or falling.