



# The Bus Zone

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

## Nancy's Reminders:

- **Sept 30–No School**
- **Oct 1 – No School**
- Bus Evacuations Drills (blue sheet) are to be done and the form turned in.
- Make sure every student has your school cell phone number. If you need more of those small notes for students let me know.
- The school has provided cleaning solution (Simple Green) that can aide you in washing your bus. If you need some let me know.

## Cell Phone Use Note

*By Jerry Phillips, Superintendent*

It is worth repeating that for the safest driving practices cell phone use should be restricted. We do expect you to call the office when you drop off your last riders. However, we do not want to place any driver in harm's way. When you are stopped at the last house that would be the best time to call in. The form on the back side of this newsletter is a driver certification that needs to be signed by all staff who drives a district vehicle agreeing to abide by safe driving practices.

## Loading/Unloading for Activities

*By Jerry Phillips, Superintendent*

We will continue the practice of loading and unloading for activities on the west side of the high school. You need to maneuver the bus off the street as much as possible. This is also true when we have two buses loading up. Staying off the street eliminates the chance of a traffic accident.

## Stop Sign Violators

*By Jerry Phillips, Superintendent*

If you are stopped on the street with your stop sign out and a driver drives through it you need to call the police department. If it happens in David City call **367-3133**; outside of city limits call the Butler County Sheriff at **367-7400**. It is more effective if you, as a driver, call at the time of the infraction. Be prepared to give the license plate number.

## Documenting Safety Practices

*By Nancy Romshek*

The Nebraska Department of Education requires that at a minimum that safety and security issues be addressed in a safe pupil transportation plan. In addition to the minimum standard to be covered, the Nebraska Department of Education also requires that a district develop procedures which allow drivers to document and report incidents which are classified as being an item covered under the safe pupil transportation plan.

I will have a signature page for you to sign that will indicate that you have received, reviewed and understand the contents of the Bus Zone and/or any other safe pupil transportation guidelines.

## Bus Tickets

If you have an elementary student who misbehaves on the bus it would be appreciated if you could write the slip up immediately or as soon as you can. The more time that goes by, the less effective the discipline. If the discipline sheets are going to have any affect on the child, the child has to know right away that they are going to be written up. Don't wait until after school or the next day when an incident happens. Stay consistent with the discipline policy on your bus. Make sure you listen to the kids when they tell you something. Please investigate all allegations of misbehavior on your bus when reported to you. Being a bus driver is a tough job. All of you have a big job to do and that is keeping all your kids safe. Keep up the nice work.