

SUPPORT SERVICES

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SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

1. All buses and other vehicles owned and operated by the City of Charlottesville for use by students of Charlottesville City Schools will be inspected for safety in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Department of Education.
2. The City of Charlottesville Pupil Transportation Supervisor shall provide documentation of the inspections annually to the Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services.
3. All accidents, regardless of the amount of damage involved, must be reported to the transportation supervisor and Assistant Superintendent.
4. No person shall 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.
5. This prohibition shall not be construed to prohibit the use of two-way radio devices authorized by the Director of Transportation or Assistant Superintendent.
6. The Assistant Superintendent shall require that all bus drivers conduct a safety drill at least annually for each bus used by students. Documentation of the drills shall be maintained for one year.
7. Monthly, any accident resulting in more than \$1,500 damage shall be reported to the Department of Education.
8. Any accident resulting in serious injury, medical treatment or death shall be reported to the Department of Education by the next working day following the accident.

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