

DRILLS ON SCHOOL BUSES

- A. The drills on school buses are required by New York State Education Law.
- B. A minimum of three (3) such drills shall be held on each school bus during the school year. The first to be conducted during the first seven days of school. The second between November 1 and December 31. The third between March 1st and April 30.
- C. No drills shall be conducted when buses are on routes.
- D. The school authorities shall certify on the annual report to the State Education Department that their district has complied.
- E. Bus drills shall include:
 - practice and instruction in the location, use and operation of the emergency door, fire extinguishers, first-aid equipment and windows as a means of escape in case of fire or accident.
 - Instruction on safe boarding and exiting procedures with specific emphasis on when and how to approach, board, disembark, and move away from the bus after disembarking.
 - Specific instructions for pupils to advance at least 10 feet in front of the bus before crossing the highway after disembarking.
 - Emphasize specific hazards encountered by children during snow, ice, rain and other inclement weather, including but not necessarily limited to poor driver visibility, reduced vehicular control and reduced hearing.
 - Instruction on the importance of orderly conduct by all school bus passengers with specific emphasis given to student discipline rules and regulation promulgated by each Board of Education.
 - Instruction and the conduct of the drills shall be given by a member or members of the teaching or pupil transportation staff.
 - Pupils who do not participate in the drills shall also be provided drills on school buses, or as an alternative, shall be provided classroom instruction covering the content of such drills.

APPROVED: BOARD OF EDUCATION

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