

First Reading of New Board Policy: 711.10 School Bus Passenger Restraints

Background:

This new policy has been created in response to changes to the Iowa Administrative Code, which require school districts to purchase buses with three-point lap-shoulder belts when purchasing new buses.

The Administrative code changes also requires all districts to have a policy in place requiring the use of those belts when provided in buses.

The law does not require retrofitting of existing school buses. This policy is required even for districts who contract out their busing services.

Recommended Action:

I recommend the board approve the first reading of the policy 711.10 School Bus Passenger Restraints.

SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER RESTRAINTS

The district shall utilize three-point lap-shoulder belts on district school buses as required by state law. All three-point lap-shoulder belts available on district buses will be used by passengers when the vehicle is in any non-stationary gear.

***Note:** All Iowa school districts utilizing school buses must have a policy in place on this topic. This policy applies even to districts who contract out their bussing services with a third party.*

Legal Reference: 281 I.A.C. 43.10(6)

Cross Reference: 711.7 School Bus Safety Instruction

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