

Van Buren School District
School Bus Safety Plan

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Plan Authorization

The Van Buren School District recognizes the importance of the development of a School Bus Safety Plan. The district is responsible for the transportation of over 3,000 students to and from school each day. Along the way we may come across hazards that change from day to day and need a plan to address these hazards when they occur. By planning ahead, we will try to prevent any accident that could affect our students and drivers.

Statutory Authority

As instructed by Act 1206 of 2009, 27-51-1004 and 27-51-1005, our Superintendent and Transportation Director will work in conjunction with the Arkansas State Police, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, Van Buren Police Department, and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to develop a School Bus Safety Plan designed to ensure the safety of the children being loaded or unloaded from school buses.

Applicable Participants

The Van Buren School District's plan will involve many different agencies. It will begin at the school with our drivers, the transportation director, the principals, and the superintendent. The district will require and desire assistance from many outside agencies to make our transportation routes as safe as possible. The district will work with the county judge and county road department to keep trees cut and obstructions out of the way at intersections and blind curves. The district will ask the Arkansas State Police, Van Buren Police Department, and the Crawford County Sheriff's office to help patrol and issue tickets to motorists who fail to follow the law when it comes to passing stopped school buses. And lastly, the district will call on our local deputy prosecuting attorney to prosecute those motorists who fail to abide by the school bus safety laws.

Initial Plan and Updates

Initially, our plan will call for our bus drivers to make our transportation director aware of any safety issues they observe while driving their bus routes. The transportation director will check into these issues and see what steps need to be taken to remove the safety threat from the routes. If the route can be changed, the transportation director will make these necessary changes. If a change in the route doesn't help, the transportation director will notify the proper

