

**North River School District #200**

**Board Policy**

**BP 8125**

**Transportation-Employee Responsibility**

In accordance with applicable law, WAC regulation, district rules and regulations, drivers assigned to district transportation vehicles shall have the primary responsibility for the safety of passengers while they are boarding the vehicle, while they are on the vehicle, and while they are disembarking the vehicle and crossing the roadway. When a teacher, coach, or other certificated staff member is assigned to accompany students in a vehicle, such person shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students in their charge, however, the assigned driver shall have final authority and responsibility.

As assigned driver shall not order or allow a student to depart the vehicle other than at his/her boarding or alighting place unless permission to do so is first obtained from the superintendent or his designee pursuant to administrative rules and regulations.

Students being transported are under the authority of the assigned driver, who as a part of said authority, may take reasonable action, not including corporal punishment, to assure the safe transportation of pupils. The driver may hold students accountable for their conduct during the course of transportation and make recommendations to the superintendent or his designee for disciplinary action against a student. Any disciplinary action taken against a student shall be in conformity with district policy on student discipline.

For those students who may choose to be transported by the Grays Harbor Transportation Authority, all GHATA rules regarding loading, unloading, crossing of roadways before and after loading or unloading, and behavior on the bus, shall control those activities.

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