

## NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS AND BUSINESS SERVICES

Code 711.10

Policy Title: School Vehicle Seat Belt Use

It is the goal of the Northeast County Community School District to provide the safest student transportation possible. The District requires that all students riding a school district bus equipped with seat belts or any school vehicle equipped with seat belts wear seat belts while the bus is in motion.

Drivers are not responsible and/or liable for students wearing seat belts while riding in any school vehicle. The school district vehicle will have signage reiterating that students are required to wear seat belts. Drivers may announce prior to the bus leaving that each student needs to be in their seat with the seat belt fastened.

Students who may require assistance in using seat belts should ask the driver for help so that all students are safely belted in their seats before the vehicle is in motion. All students will receive instruction on the proper use of seat belts during the twice-annual bus safety drills.

Students refusing to use seat belts create a safety concern for themselves and others, and are subject to school district disciplinary actions. Repeated refusal to wear seat belts can result in suspension from bus riding privileges.

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

Cross Reference: 711.7 School Bus Safety Instructions

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