

### **709.7 School Bus Passenger Restraints**

It is the goal of the Muscatine Community School District Transportation Department to provide the safest student transportation possible. On buses equipped with three-point lap-shoulder seat belt systems, seat belt use shall be mandatory for all riders (students and adult passengers).

All students will receive instruction on the proper use of seat belts during the twice-annual bus safety drills. Drivers are not responsible (i.e. liable) for students wearing seat belts while riding. Drivers are responsible for instructing the students to put on seat belts prior to the bus moving. (See administrative regulations 709.7R1.)

Students who may require assistance in using seat belts should ask the bus driver for help so that all students are safely belted in their seats before the bus is in motion.

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.

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