## Transportation Safety

The BOCES shall comply with all applicable state laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of school vehicles and shall make these requirements known to BOCES transportation staff. It shall also cooperate with local safety officials in formulating and accomplishing its vehicle safety program.

The safety and welfare of student/staff riders shall be the first consideration in all matters pertaining to the BOCES vehicle safety program. All vehicles used to transport students shall be inspected periodically to see that they meet safety regulations.

The use of safety belts in BOCES transportation vehicles is mandatory for all personnel using vehicles that are equipped with safety belts. Before moving the vehicle, operators of all BOCES transportation vehicles shall be responsible for ensuring that passengers are belted or secured in a child restraint system, in accordance with applicable law.

## EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD POLICY

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 42-4-236 (children must be placed in a child restraint system that is appropriate for the child's size and age) C.R.S. 42-4-707 (certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade crossings) [C.R.S. 42-4-1901-1904 (school bus requirements)] 1 CCR 301-26, Rules 4204-R-200 et seq. (rules governing operation of school transportation vehicles)