

## **SAFETY PATROL**

### **Policy**

It is the policy of the Trumbull Board of Education that each elementary school shall maintain a safety patrol unit composed of students selected from the highest grade within the school. Selection of safety patrol members is based on a variety of criteria. These criteria include, but are not limited to:

- A. Behavior
- B. Reliability
- C. Leadership
- D. Responsibility
- E. Punctuality
- F. Respect of authority and peers
- G. Location on bus route.

Students will be selected on the basis of the criteria already possessed.

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**Regulations**

1. Safety patrol members will be appointed by the building principal or his/her designee after consultation with the staff. Students will not be allowed to serve without written consent of a parent or guardian. (See Appendix A)
2. The building principal or his/her designee will orient and provide each patrol member with a summary of his/her responsibilities, as well as a review of proper walking and riding expectations. (See Appendix A)
3. The primary functions of the safety patrol shall include:
  - a. Serve as models of proper conduct.
  - b. Instruct and guide students in safe walking and riding rules.
  - c. Assist teachers and parents in the reinforcement of safe walking and riding rules.
  - d. Assist teachers in keeping children orderly during school arrival and dismissal times.
  - e. Assist bus drivers in keeping order while riding to and from school.
  - f. Notify advisor or administrator of improper conduct during ride to and from school.
4. Safety patrol members will adhere to the Trumbull Board of Education Standard of Conduct policy and the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) matrix (available on the individual schools' website which can be accessed through [www.trumbullps.org](http://www.trumbullps.org)).
5. Each member will be provided a safety patrol belt and badge that should be worn to and from school.
6. Safety patrol members will evenly distribute themselves throughout the bus at all times during rides.
7. Safety patrol members are not liable for the safety of other children.
8. In no case are safety patrol members asked to risk injury or harm themselves.

**References**

- Trumbull Board of Education policies:
  - Transportation, Policy Code: 3541
  - Student Conduct on School Buses, Policy Code: 5131.1
  - Emergency Bus Evacuation, Policy Code: 3541.6
  - Standard of Conduct, Policy Code: 5131

**5134/Safety Patrol**  
**APPENDIX A**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you that \_\_\_\_\_ has been chosen to serve as a member of the Safety Patrol. Service on the Patrol is voluntary. Children are chosen based on dependability, attitude toward others, responsibility and overall merit as well as their position along the bus route and/or walker line. This position requires your child to fulfill specific duties. These duties include:

- Daily attendance as a bus rider or walker in the morning and afternoon.
- Assistance as other children board and exit the buses or walk to and from school.
- Helping to maintain a safe environment for the children.
- Adherence to the Trumbull Board of Education Standard of Conduct policy and the school's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) matrix.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please sign the permission slip below and return it to school by \_\_\_\_\_ (date)\_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Safety Patrol Advisor

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SCHOOL SAFETY PATROL

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend orientation and assume the duties of a Safety Patrol.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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