

# CENTERVILLE-ABINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Dear Parents,

Centerville-Abington Community Schools is piloting a lap/shoulder safety belt program on three school buses this year. These three buses will serve as the transfer buses for students between Centerville-Abington Elementary and Rose Hamilton Elementary Schools. These new buses will also serve three school routes in the Corporation. The following school buses will be equipped with lap and shoulder belts:

- Bus #3 (formerly Bus 20). Areas served: US 40 W of Centerville (north side of road), Woodview Trailer Park, Hildabrand Rd, Colvin Rd
- Bus #4 (formerly Bus 16). Areas served: Theresa Lane, Highland Dr (south of Virginia), SW M St, SW N St, Emerald Circle, Blarney Circle, Gary Lane (grades 3 -12), Virginia Ave (west of Round Barn), Mockingbird Lane (Gr 3 – 12), Blue Heron Dr (Gr 3 – 12), Cardinal Dr (Gr 3 – 12), Round Barn Road (west side between US 40 and Highland Dr).
- Bus #19 (formerly Bus 8). Areas served: NW C, NW B, JFK Dr, Lick Creek Dr

If your child is assigned to one of these school buses, then, seat belt use is required anytime the bus engine is started and the bus is in motion. When we return from summer break, our staff will be there to assist students in the proper procedure for securing students into the seats. The drivers will also be distributing seat belt information forms on proper adjustments. Please review this form with your child, sign it, and then return to the driver.

Centerville-Abington Community Schools is excited to implement our seat belt initiative. If you have further questions, feel free to contact Mark Campbell at 765-855-3475.

Respectfully,

Mark Campbell  
Assistant Superintendent  
Centerville-Abington Community Schools

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## **General Education Seat Belt Expectation and Protocols**

### **Expectations:**

- Student:
  - o Each student who rides a school bus equipped with lap/shoulder belts must wear the belts in the correct manner anytime the bus engine is started and the bus is in motion.
- Driver:
  - o Drivers are expected to enforce rules that are in place regarding lap/shoulder belts for student safety. Drivers will follow the protocols listed below.

### **Protocols**

- Initial violations for not adhering to the policy will be considered infractions. The driver will take the following actions:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> infraction: remind student of the expectation.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction: assign student a new seat
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> infraction: refer student to school administration
- Refusal to wear seat belts:
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> occurrence: driver refer to administration. Student is counseled by administrator.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence: driver refer to administration. Student is suspended from bus for one day.
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence: driver refer to administration. Student is suspended from bus for up to 5 days.
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence: driver refer to administration. Student is suspended long-term from the bus.
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