

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT

The School Board shall provide to eligible students school transportation services which shall meet the objectives of safety, efficiency, adequacy, and economy. Through the use of publicly and privately owned buses, the Board shall maintain a student transportation program that shall conform to or exceed minimum standards as set forth by pertinent statutes and the State Department of Education, as well as regulations established by the Supervisor of Transportation. It shall be unlawful for the School Board to permit the transport at one time a number of children on a school bus that exceeds the number of seats on that bus.

All vehicles, owned by either the school district or contract bus operators, shall carry evidence of insurance and be registered, marked, and equipped according to law. Contract bus operators who purchase their own insurance shall be required to annually submit to the Supervisor of Transportation proof of proper and valid insurance coverage prior to any usage of the bus. Should any coverage aspects or insurance policy provisions change during the year, the bus operator shall notify the Supervisor of Transportation immediately.

All buses and other vehicles used primarily for the transportation of students shall be inspected by the assigned driver and the Supervisor of Transportation on a regular basis. All school vehicles shall be inspected a minimum of twice a year, once during June, July or August and certified as safe prior to the beginning of the school session, and once during December, January, or February of each school year, by an approved Louisiana Motor Vehicle Inspection Station. Buses fifteen (15) years of age or older shall be inspected more frequently than other buses to assure effectiveness of operation and safety of students.

When a new bus is purchased, or the ownership of a bus is transferred, the requirements contained in the applicable laws and school district regulations shall be observed. All buses so purchased shall be required to satisfactorily pass all mandated inspections prior to any usage.

All school buses used to transport students shall at all times be driven by drivers possessing a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and having completed pre-service certification training provided by an agency licensed by the Louisiana State Department of Education. All school bus operators, including contract bus operators, shall be required to personally operate the school bus assigned or owned, except in the case of illness or emergency. In such cases, a substitute shall be assigned by the Supervisor of Transportation.

SCHOOL BUS TURNAROUNDS

Additional school bus turnarounds will not be considered for use by Terrebonne Parish

School Board buses unless the turn area is marked to eliminate vehicular parking and meets the size requirements depicted on scale drawings in the School Transportation Department.

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Ref: La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§17:158 et seq., 32:293, 32:378; Olive Morgan v. Livingston Parish School Board, First Circuit Court of Appeals, March 1991; Student Transportation Handbook, Bulletin 1191, State Department of Education; Board minutes, 12-16-97, Forethought wd. Revisions 1-30-18.