

## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY INSPECTION

It shall be the policy of the Board to require all vehicles used for the transportation of children, whether privately or publicly owned, be inspected twice annually by authorized and qualified personnel. All school vehicles shall be inspected a minimum of twice a year, once during the summer before school starts 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. Any bus found to be deficient shall be so designated and shall not be used to transport students until the appropriate repairs have been made and further inspection reveals that the deficiency has been removed. Buses ten (10) years old or older, or in poor operable condition, shall be subject to more frequent inspections.

All vehicles used for the transportation of children, whether privately or publicly owned, shall be inspected periodically by local transportation personnel in accordance with standards established by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and/or Board.

All buses shall be inspected under the auspices of the Louisiana Department of Public Safety at the earliest possible date following the close of the school session. Any buses requiring repairs or replacements shall be reinspected by qualified personnel on a date and at a location to be designated. Operators must present proof of inspection and approval to the transportation office no later than September 1 and March 1 of each year. Failure to present proof of inspection and approval as required above shall result in loss of pay for each day delinquent.

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Ref: School Transportation Handbook, Bulletin 1191, Louisiana State Department of Education; Board minutes, 8-18-98.