

School Buses, Licensing of Drivers, Training of Drivers and Students and Other General Information Relating to the Student Transportation Program

The following paper gives a general overview of many aspects of the transportation program including information on school buses, licensing of drivers, school bus driver training, student safety training and other general issues.

School Bus Definitions, and Construction and Design Standards

Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 71, defines a school bus as “a motor vehicle used to transport pupils to or from a school defined in section 120A.22, or to or from school-related activities, by the school or a school district, or by someone under an agreement with the school or school district.”

In Minnesota, there are five different types of school buses: Types A, B, C, D and III (Attachment 1). Types A through D are different sizes of “yellow” school buses. Type III school buses are “restricted to passenger cars, station wagons, vans and buses having a maximum manufacturer’s rated seating capacity of 10 people, including the driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.”

If a school district or charter school decides to transport students to and from school or on a school-related activity in a vehicle with a manufacturer’s rated seated seating capacity of more than 10 people, then the vehicle must comply with all the applicable construction and design requirements for the type of school bus they are operating - either a Type A, B, C or D school bus. In other words, the vehicle must be yellow in color, have the eight-light warning system, stop arm, etc. The statutes governing construction and design for school buses are:

Minnesota Statutes, section 169.4501 – School Bus Equipment Standards

Minnesota Statutes, section 169.4502 – Additional Minnesota School Bus Chassis Standards

Minnesota Statutes, section 169.4503 – Additional Minnesota School Bus Body Standards

Minnesota Statutes, section 169.4504 – Additional Minnesota Standards for Specially-Equipped School Buses

The equipment standards for Type III school buses can be found in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.454, Type III Vehicle Standards, and includes requirements for a first-aid kit, fire extinguisher, body fluids clean-up kit, etc. As stated earlier, these vehicles are restricted to 10 persons – the driver and nine student passengers, and must be designed as an MPV (multipurpose vehicle). Seating capacity is determined at the time of manufacture. Larger vans cannot have seats removed in order to bring the vehicles into compliance with the 10 person capacity limit. Larger vans (seating more than 10) can never be used to transport students in Minnesota. These vans are manufactured to transport cargo and thus have less strength in the walls and roof. In addition, because larger vans have a higher center of gravity, they can roll easily if a driver has to swerve suddenly.

A Type III school bus cannot be yellow in color, have a stop arm or the eight-light system. In addition, a Type III school bus cannot be used to transport students if the vehicle is 12 years of age or older.

According to federal regulation, automobile dealerships cannot sell or lease a vehicle that seats more than 10 persons to a school, daycare center or any other entity, when that vehicle will be used to transport children to or from school or school-related activities, unless the vehicle conforms to federal school bus standards. If a school district or charter school decides to lease a car, van or station wagon, the vehicle cannot have a seating capacity of greater than 10 persons, including the driver. In addition, the Minnesota State Patrol must inspect the vehicle before it can be used to transport students.

A school district or charter school may purchase bus passes from a transit agency. The school district or charter school students could then ride existing transit routes along with the general public. A transit agency cannot design routes that exclusively transport students. The transit buses are exempt from the design and construction requirements for school buses.

Inspection of School Buses

Minnesota Statutes, section 169.451, provides that the Minnesota State Patrol shall inspect every school bus annually to ascertain whether its construction, design, equipment and color comply with all provisions of law. In addition to the annual inspection, the State Patrol has the authority to conduct random, unannounced spot inspections of any school bus.

Parents who transport their own children to and from school are exempt from having their personal vehicles inspected by the State Patrol. However, if parents are being compensated for their transportation by a school or school district and they choose to transport children from other families to and/or from school, then the parents would have to have their vehicles inspected as they are now operating as a contractor. Also, if a vehicle is used to transport school children in a nonscheduled, emergency situation, the vehicle is exempt from having to be inspected. An example of a nonscheduled, emergency situation would be when a child becomes ill at school and a principal or teacher drives the student home. Field trips or student activity trips would never be considered a nonscheduled, emergency situation.

Licensing of School Bus Drivers

When a school district employee's sole purpose is to operate a Type III school bus for the purpose of school transportation, the driver is subject to all of the provisions contained in the Type III requirements. The requirements are provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.02 subdivision 2 b. Type III drivers are required to complete safety training, a physical examination, background checks and drug and alcohol testing. Employees of school districts whose sole purpose of employment is not driving are exempt from the physical exam and the district's drug and alcohol testing policy. There are no additional endorsement requirements for Class D license holder through the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

In order to become a driver of a Type A, B, C or D school bus, an individual must take both written and driving tests, have a background check, drug testing, and submit to a physical every two years (upon renewal of the school bus endorsement). There are different classes of licenses for these individuals. The classes of licenses, found in Minnesota Statutes, section 171.02, are:

Vehicle Description	License Class	Additional Endorsements
Single unit vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,000 pounds and designed to carry less than 15 passengers including the driver.	Class D	No Endorsement
All vehicles that an individual with a Class D license can drive and school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,000 pounds and designed to carry 15 or more passengers including the driver.	Class C	School Bus Endorsement Passenger Endorsement
All vehicles that an individual with a Class D or Class C license can drive and school buses with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,000 pounds and designed to carry more than 15 passengers.	Class B	Passenger Endorsement School Bus Endorsement
All vehicles	Class A	Passenger Endorsement School Bus Endorsement

For example, an individual with a Class A license, with proper endorsements, can drive Types A, B, C and D school buses. An individual with a Class C license, with proper endorsements, would only be able to drive Type A and some Type B school buses.

Training of School Bus Drivers

Drivers of Type A, B, C and D and Type III school buses must meet the following competency levels:

- 1) safely operate the type of school bus the driver will be driving;
- 2) understand student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities;
- 3) encourage orderly conduct of students on the bus and handle incidents of misconduct appropriately;
- 4) know and understand relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies;
- 5) handle emergency situations
- 6) performance of pre-trip vehicle inspection: and
- 7) safely load and unload students.

The employer (school district or charter school if they own school buses) shall keep the assessments for each driver available for inspection by representatives of the Commissioner of Public Safety. The school's pupil transportation safety director, the chief administrator of a nonpublic school, or a private contractor, shall verify annually to the school board or governing board of a nonpublic school that, at a minimum, each school bus driver meets the competencies listed above and the number of hours of in-service training completed by each driver. Schools or districts must check on the license of each driver annually including drivers of Type III school buses.

In addition, Minnesota Rule 7470.1700 provides that school bus drivers of students with disabilities must receive additional training. This training includes:

- 1) instruction in basic first-aid and procedures for the pupils under their care;
- 2) participation in a program of in-service training on the proper methods for dealing with the specific needs and problems of the pupils with disabilities; (This in-service training

must occur within one month after the student with disabilities has been assigned to the route.)

- 3) how to assist pupils with disabilities on and off the bus when necessary; and,
- 4) ensuring that any protective safety devices required by the student are in use and fastened properly.

Required Records on School Bus Drivers

Minnesota Statutes, section 171.321, subdivision 5, provides that school districts, nonpublic school administrators or private contractors must have on file and ready for inspection the following documents for each driver. View these forms on the DPS website (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/msp/commercial-vehicles/Pages/school-bus-safety.aspx>).

Evaluation Certificate

- Pre-Trip Inspection Evaluation Form
- School Bus Driver Evaluation Form
- Student Conduct and Students with Disabilities Survey
- Current (annual) Driver's License Check

Operation of School Buses

Yellow school buses, whether carrying passengers or not, must stop at railroad crossings. The driver shall activate the four-way hazard warning lights not less than 100 feet from the nearest rail, and stop the vehicle not less than 15 feet nor more than 50 feet from the nearest rail. While stopped, the driver must open the driver's window and service door to look and listen in both directions. The eight-lamp system must not be used, only the hazard warning lights.

Because Type III school buses do not have the traffic-controlling features that Types A, B, C and D school buses have, they are operated differently. Drivers of Type III school buses can only load and unload students at a curb, non-traffic side of the street (normal parking lane), off-street loading areas, driveways, yard service and other areas where hazardous conditions can be avoided. Drivers of Type III school buses can never load in the right-hand lane of a roadway, designated turn lane, or in a lane immediately adjacent to a designated turn lane.

Having students cross the roadway to or from a Type III school bus should be avoided. If this situation cannot be avoided, the driver or an aide must personally escort the student across the street. If the driver does the escorting, the driver must stop the motor, remove the key from the ignition, and set the brake.

Drivers of Types A, B, C and D school buses must activate the flashing amber signals (lights at top of bus) before stopping to load or unload children. In speed zones of 35-miles per hour or less, the amber signals must be activated 100 feet before stopping. In speed zones of more than 35 miles per hour, the amber signals must be activated 300 feet before stopping. Once stopped, the driver must extend the stop arm. This will automatically activate the flashing red signals at the top of the bus. The driver must remain stopped until all students are seated or have safely crossed the roadway.

There are times when the amber and red signals should not be used. Please refer to Minnesota Statutes, section 169.443, subdivision 3, for more information on this subject.

School Bus Safety Training for Students

Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.90, provides that school districts must provide age-appropriate school bus safety training for public school students in kindergarten through 10th grade. Students in grades kindergarten through third grade must receive school bus safety training twice during the school year. Students in grades 7-10 only need to receive school bus safety training if they did not receive training when they were enrolled in kindergarten through sixth grade. In addition, students taking driver's training instructional classes must receive training in the laws and proper procedures in operating a motor vehicle in the vicinity of a school bus.

All students in grades kindergarten through sixth who are transported by school bus and are enrolled during the first or second week of school must receive the school bus safety training by the end of the third week of school. All students enrolled in grades 7 through 10 who are transported by school bus and are enrolled during the first or second week of school and who have not received school bus safety training in kindergarten through grade six must receive the training by the end of the sixth week of school. Students who enroll in school after the second week of school and are transported by school bus and who have not received training in their previous school district shall undergo school bus safety training or receive bus safety instructional material within four weeks of the first day of attendance.

The competencies for which all students must receive school bus safety training include at least the following:

- 1) transportation by school bus is a privilege and not a right;
- 2) district policies for student conduct and school bus safety;
- 3) appropriate conduct while on the school bus;
- 4) the danger zones surrounding a school bus;
- 5) procedures for safely boarding and leaving a school bus;
- 6) procedures for safe street or road crossing; and,
- 7) school bus evacuation.

A school district must make reasonable accommodations for school bus safety training for students known to speak English as a second language and students with disabilities.

Each school district is required to have a written transportation policy. As part of the school district's written transportation policy, a school district must develop rules governing student conduct on a school bus and in school bus loading and unloading areas. If a student does not follow the rules, then the student could lose his or her bus riding privileges. Parents would be required to transport their child if this happens. If the student has a disability, consideration must be given to the type of disability and whether the disability contributed to the student's misbehavior.

Although there is not any specified method or form that a school district must use to document a student's school bus safety training, it is recommended that each student record include information on when the student received the training. It is further recommended that this information be retained for a minimum of one year. This documentation may reduce a district's liability if there is an accident involving the student.

Upon request, the district's School Transportation Safety Director must certify to the Superintendent of Schools that all students transported by school bus within the district have received the school bus safety training.

Other General Issues

- Always have your school staff members supervise the loading and unloading of the school buses at the school. The school staff can stop children from running in-between buses, chasing after a bus, etc.
- Require that children carry their papers and books in a book bag. Over the years, many accidents have happened when children tried to retrieve a dropped paper and found themselves under the wheels of a moving school bus.
- Always have a staff member on duty to answer the telephones when your students are being transported. If there is an accident or breakdown, law enforcement personnel will contact the district or school. The district or school staff must then contact the parents to inform them of the situation. The contractors or law enforcement officers do not have access to the parent's telephone numbers.
- Transporting elementary-age students on city transit routes may not be desirable. Schools cannot control the other individuals who will be riding on the transit buses with the school children. In addition, transit buses do not have all the safeguards that are required equipment on school buses such as high-back padded seats, rollover protection, traffic-controlling features, etc.

Resources

There are a number of resources to help you in your transportation program. They include:

- Visit the Model School Bus Driver Curriculum on the DPS website (<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/msp/forms-reports/Documents/sb-driver-manual-070111.pdf>).
- School Bus Safety Training for Students Curriculum – Contact Kelly Wosika at the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for a copy at 651-582-8855 or e-mail kelly.wosika@state.mn.us
- Visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website for information on school bus safety material for students (<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>).
- Visit the Minnesota Safety Council website (<http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/home.cfm>).
- Read the Road Hazard Report on the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services website (<http://www.nasdpts.org/>) or select “Position Papers” and then “Route Hazard Report.” This report will help your school design safe school bus routes.
- Visit the School Transportation News website (<http://www.stnonline.com/stn/>).

Summary

This document gives just a brief overview of some statutes and rules (Attachment 2) pertaining to the student transportation program. Visit the Minnesota State Legislature website to review a copy of the statutes and rules that pertain to student transportation at <http://www.leg.state.mn.us>.

Many of the state statutes and rules are modeled after federal regulations. Using vehicles or drivers who do not meet these requirements will put your school in violation of both state and federal laws. Additionally, if an accident should occur which results in serious injury or death, your district or school could be subjected to greater liability if it is found that you were using improperly licensed drivers or illegal school buses. The families who have chosen your school must be assured that you will do nothing to compromise the safety of their children.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the individuals listed on Attachment 3. All of these individuals will be happy to work with you so that your student transportation program is in compliance with federal and state laws.

Attachments






Attachment 1: Definitions of Types A, B, C, D, and III School Buses

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Definitions of School Bus Vehicles

(Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 71)

	<p>TYPE A: A Type "A" school bus is a van conversion or bus constructed utilizing a cutaway front section vehicle with a left-side driver's door. This definition includes two classifications: Type A-I, with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) less than or equal to 14,500 pounds; and Type A II, with a GVWR greater than 14,500 pounds and less than or equal to 21,500 pounds.</p>
	<p>TYPE B: A "type B school bus" is a conversion or body constructed and installed upon a van or front-section vehicle chassis, or stripped chassis, with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds, designed for carrying more than 10 persons. Part of the engine is beneath or behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat. The entrance door is behind the front wheels.</p>
	<p>TYPE C: A Type "C" school bus is constructed utilizing a chassis with a hood and front fender assembly. The entrance door is behind the front wheels. A "type C school bus" also includes a cutaway truck chassis or truck chassis with cab, with or without a left side door, and with a GVWR greater than 21,500 pounds.</p>
	<p>TYPE D: A "type D school bus" is a body installed upon a chassis, with the engine mounted in the front, midship or rear, with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000, designed for carrying more than 10 persons. The engine may be behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat; it may be at the rear of the bus, behind the rear wheels, or midship between the front and rear axles. The entrance door is ahead of the front wheels. A type D school bus has a maximum length of 45 feet.</p>
	<p>TYPE III: Type III school buses and type III Head Start buses are restricted to passenger cars, station wagons, vans, and buses having a maximum manufacturer's rated seating capacity of 10 or fewer people, including the driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. A "type III school bus" and "type III Head Start bus" must not be outwardly equipped and identified as a type A, B, C, or D school bus or type A, B, C, or D Head Start bus. A van or bus converted to a seating capacity of ten or fewer and placed in service on or after August 1, 1999, must have been originally manufactured to comply with the passenger safety standards.</p>

MINNESOTA STATUTES AND RULES PERTAINING TO THE PUPIL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Minnesota Statutes by Chapter and Section Number

Please refer to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes website (<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg.aspx>) for more current statutory reference numbers and the full text of the statutes or rules.

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Please refer to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes website (<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg.aspx>) for more current statutory reference numbers and the full text of the statutes or rules.

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Contacts

- For questions regarding general transportation issues including student school bus safety training, transportation reporting of students, costs, mileage and buses contact Kelly Wosika, MDE at 651-582-8855 or kelly.wosika@state.mn.us.
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- For questions regarding school bus driver license requirements contact DPS, Driver License Office at 651-297-5029 or drivers.license@state.mn.us.
- For questions regarding school bus driver drug testing contact the United States Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Office at 651-291-6150 or minnesotamc.motorcarrier@fhwa.dot.gov.