

6A-3.0171 Responsibilities of School Districts for Student Transportation.

Each school district shall exercise specific powers and responsibilities, as follows:

(1) Responsibilities of Superintendent. It shall be the duty of the superintendent, acting as executive officer for the school board to exercise functions and to perform duties listed below:

(a) through (f) No change.

(g) To propose garages at which buses shall be inspected, when arrangements for this service have not been made to use school board employed mechanics, and to see that inspections are systematically made at least once every thirty (30) school days ~~each month~~ at garages approved by the board.

(h) No change.

(2) through (7) No change.

(8) Inspection and maintenance of school buses.

(a) No change.

(b) The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with procedures and include all items listed in the State of Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual, 2020 ~~2017~~ Edition (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07934>) and documented on the Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Form (2020-IF ~~2017-IF~~) (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07935>), effective October 2020 ~~March 2017~~. The manual and form 2020-IF ~~2017-IF~~ are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. These documents may be obtained from the Department's website at: <http://fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7585/urlt/0085485-floridaschoolbussafetyinspectionmanual-1.pdf> and may also be obtained from the School Transportation Management Section, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at a cost not to exceed actual production and distribution cost.

(c) Inspection of buses shall be scheduled and performed at a maximum interval of thirty (30) school days. Any bus that is removed from service or deadlined so as to disrupt the safety inspection schedule shall be inspected prior to being returned to service. All deficiencies discovered during the safety inspection shall be noted on the inspection form (2020-IF ~~2017-IF~~). Follow-up repairs of all safety related items shall be made before the bus is returned to service and shall be documented.

(d) School bus inspections shall be conducted by technicians certified as school bus safety inspectors in accordance with the State of Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual, 2020 ~~2017~~ Edition. The State of Florida

School Bus Safety Inspector Application (Form 2020-SI ~~2017-SI~~)
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07936>), effective October 2020 ~~March 2017~~, and the
District Online Test Administrator Application (Form 2020-TA ~~2017-TA~~)
(<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-07937>), effective October 2020 ~~March 2017~~, are hereby
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Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at a cost not to exceed actual production and distribution cost. The
requirement that inspections be performed by a certified Florida School Bus Safety Inspector may be waived for a
period not to exceed six (6) months when an emergency condition exists, upon written notification to the
Commissioner of Education by the district superintendent.

(e) No change.

(9) through (10) No change

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