

Park Rapids Area Schools Type III Driver Enrollment

To be certified as a Type III School Bus Driver with Park Rapids Schools, you must agree to comply with the following information and complete and sign the bottom of this form.

General Training

I have received training for Type III Bus Driving and understand the necessary requirements for driving a Type III school bus.

License Verification

I realize that my driver's license will be validated annually and my driving record will be reviewed periodically.

D.O.T. Physical Examination (for Activity Bus Drivers only)

I will complete a D.O.T. physical and submit the findings to the Transportation Department

Annual Behind-the-Wheel Road Test/Pre-Trip

I will make myself available annually for a behind the wheel road test and pre-trip check off to certify my competency as a Type III driver.

Background Check

If not already completed by the District, I will allow the District to conduct a background check.

I have read the above and am in compliance with the information:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Below is my driver's license information to be used for validation:

Full Name as it appears on License (PRINT): _____

License Number _____ Issuing State: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Type III Special Needs and Knowledge Quiz

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. T or F - Type III drivers must know and understand emergency procedures to keep students safe?
2. T or F - My employer is required to perform an annual driver's license check?
3. T or F - A Type III school bus may have a manufacturers seating capacity of 10 or more, including the driver?
4. T or F - A Type III vehicle must have a manufacturers weight rating is 10,000 pounds or less?
5. T or F - There are eight minimum training competency requirements for a Type III driver?
6. T or F - Type III drivers are required to have annual training?
7. T or F - All Type III drivers are required to have a school bus physical examination?
8. T or F - Type III drivers are required to disclose in writing any conviction(s) for a moving violation or DWI to their employer within 10 days?
9. T or F - Type III drivers may be subject to controlled substance/alcohol testing?
10. T or F - Type III drivers are not subject to an initial background check?
11. T or F - Cell phone use for personal reasons is prohibited while driving a Type III school bus?
12. T or F - Understanding student conduct is not part of a Type III driver's responsibility?
13. T or F - Students with special needs cannot be transported in a Type III vehicle?
14. T or F - IEP is an abbreviation for Instructional Education Program?
15. T or F - A Type III driver is responsible for knowing how to use emergency equipment and any special equipment in the vehicle?
16. T or F - When loading or unloading students it is okay to load or unload in the roadway?
17. T or F - When unloading students the driver can keep the vehicle transmission in gear?
18. T or F - A child under the age of eight and shorter than four feet nine inches in height is required to be in a booster seat appropriate for the age, size and weight of the child?
19. T or F - In any emergency or vehicle break down situation you should always evacuate your Type III vehicle?
20. T or F - Each Type III vehicle is required to be equipped with emergency equipment?
21. T or F - A pre-trip inspection is performed to ensure the Type III school bus is in safe operating condition?
22. T or F - A copy of the current daily pre-trip inspection must be carried in the vehicle when it is being operated?
23. T or F - If you do not perform a pre-trip inspection or fail to carry a current pre-trip inspection report in the vehicle you are subject to a citation(s) by law enforcement?
24. T or F - It is okay to fuel the Type III vehicle while students are in the vehicle?
25. T or F - Checking fluid levels is part of the pre-trip inspection?

26. T or F - Part of the external pre-trip inspection is to visually check all lights, tires, doors, mirrors, current school bus inspection decal and window glass?
27. T or F - Part of the internal inspection includes; gauges, horn, wipers, lights, seat belts and emergency equipment?
28. T or F - It is the employer's responsibility to check the emergency equipment as part of the pre-trip?



EVALUATOR CERTIFICATION

(Type III School Bus)

(The driver listed below has met the experience and training competencies listed in MS 171.02 sub 2b)

District / Carrier _____

Evaluator _____

Driver _____ Date _____

Met requirements:

Behind the Wheel Evaluation (Appendix A) Date _____

Pre-Trip Evaluation (Appendix B) Date _____

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ (1) Safely operate the Type III school bus;
- ☐ ☐ (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 operations;
- ☐ ☐ (6) Proper use of seat belts and child safety restraints
- ☐ ☐ (7) Performance of pre-trip vehicle inspections
- ☐ ☐ (8) Safe loading and unloading of students
 - Utilize location
 - Vehicle traffic lane usage
 - Student crossing
 - Secure vehicle in park
- ☐ ☐ Driver physical examination (medical certificate)
 - Expiration date _____
- ☐ ☐ Driver license annual check completed
 - Date _____

COMMENTS FROM RIDE-ALONG OBSERVATION: (include student management issues or concerns)

Appendix D1

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ANNUAL PRE-TRIP EVALUATION TYPE III SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

District / Carrier _____

Evaluator _____

Driver _____

Date _____

CHECKED
YES NO

	CHECKED YES	NO
MECHANICAL CHECK:		
Coolant level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oil level	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power steering fluid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transmission fluid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windshield washer fluid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternator and battery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water pump	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Power steering pump	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check belts and hoses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check for leaks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wheel: tire, lugs, rims	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brakes: drum, rotators, lining, fluid (level / leaks), parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Springs, shock absorbers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuel gauge (level)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EXTERNAL INSPECTION:		
Lights: signal, stop, headlights, license plate light	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors and mirrors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Window glass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuel tanks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhaust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHECKED
YES NO

	CHECKED YES	NO
INTERNAL INSPECTION: (Engine running, parking brake on)		
Oil pressure builds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ammeter/voltmeter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lighting indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Steering play	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clutch/gearshift	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heater/defroster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mirrors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windshield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wipers / Washer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety/emergency equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
fire extinguisher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
first aid, body fluid cleanup kit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
seat belt cutter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seats secure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seat belts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child restraints / car seats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WHEELCHAIR		
Anchor points, belts, straps, lift inspection, interlock safety system functional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments / Additional or remedial training performed:

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Appendix B1



School Bus Driver Evaluation Type III School Bus



District / Carrier: _____ Evaluator: _____

Driver: _____ Date: _____

Defensive Driving	Evaluated
Accelerates smoothly	
See hazards early 15 sec.	
Following distance 6 sec.	
Check mirrors every 5-8 sec.	
Move eyes every 2 sec.	
Space cushion	
Car length at stops	
Eye contact	
Brakes early and smoothly	
Pedestrian awareness	
Communicates intentions	
Tire to ground contact	
Parked vehicles	
Packs / clusters	
Pacing lights	

Left Turns	Evaluated
Signals in advance	
Properly checks mirrors	
Positions vehicle in correct lane	
Uses reference points	
Checks tail swing	
Complete turn in lane	
Yields appropriately to traffic	
Uses Push / Pull Steering	

Loading / Unloading	Evaluated
Mirror usage on approach	
Turn signal use	
Distance from students	
Not in the intersection	
Places transmission in park	
Student mgmt—Load/Unload	
Students seated before moving	
Counts the kids away	
Mirror scans	
Proceeds with caution	
Warns students of hazards	
Explains loading / unloading	
Points out hazards	
Student mgmt on route	
Student seatbelt usage	
Car seat usage procedures	
Evacuation procedures	

Merging / Lane Changing	Evaluated
Signals intent	
Checks mirrors	
Gradual Merge / Change	
Speed of approach vehicles	
Stays in acceleration lane	
Correct merge speed	

Backing	Evaluated
Mirror use	
Uses 4 way flashers	
Opens window	
Straight line backing	
Parallel parking	
Utilizes assistance when needed	

Intersections	Evaluated
Fresh / Stale green light	
Covers brakes	
Scans before entry	
Checks mirrors / braking	
Left / Right / Left scan	
Delayed acceleration	
Yields right of way	
Does not change lanes	

Parking (uphill / downhill)	Evaluated
Within curb line	
Wheels turned correct direction	
Parking brake set	
Identifies tail swing when leaving	

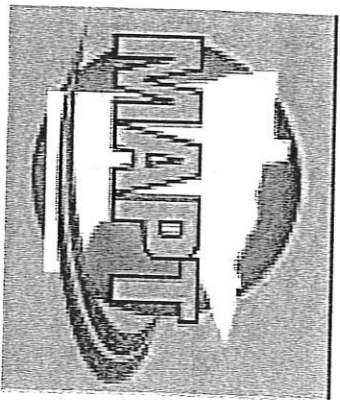
Right Turns	Evaluated
Signals in advance	
Properly checks mirrors	
Positions vehicle in correct lane	
Uses reference points	
Checks tail swing	
Complete turn in lane	
Yields appropriately to traffic	
Uses Push / Pull steering	

Bridge / Underpass	Evaluated
Knows weight restriction (if appl.)	
Knows bus height clearance	

Special Needs	Evaluated
Lift usage	
Secures / stows equip.	
Secures passengers	
Identifies equipment	

Note to the evaluator: The driver being evaluated **MUST** successfully complete the task(s) being evaluated. If the driver is unable to successfully complete the task(s), you **MUST** take immediate corrective action with the driver to ensure the task(s) is performed correctly.





Type III School Bus Training



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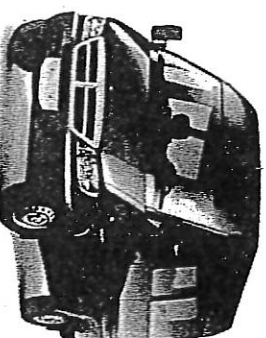
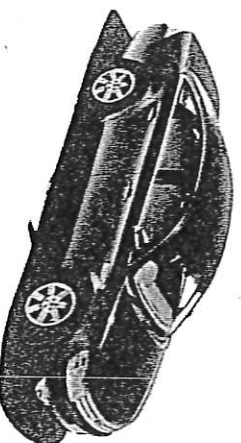
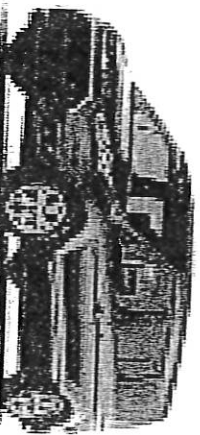
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Definition of a Type III School Bus

(MS 169.011 subd. 71)

A "type III vehicle" is restricted to passenger vehicles and buses having a maximum manufacturer's rated seating capacity of ten or fewer people, including the driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. A "type III vehicle" 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.



Annual Requirements

(MS 171.02)

- Training on proper operation of a Type III school bus.
- Behind the wheel evaluation
- Pre-trip evaluation
- School bus driver evaluator certification
- Annual Driver License Status Verification

Type III School Bus Legislation

(MS 171.02 sub. 2b)

At a minimum a Type III school bus driver must receive training and instruction in the;

1. Safe operation of a Type III vehicle
2. Understanding student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities
3. Encouraging orderly conduct of students on the bus and handling incidents of misconduct appropriately
4. Knowing and understanding relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies
5. Handling emergency situations
6. Proper use of seat belts and child safety restraints;
7. Performance of pre trip vehicle inspections; and
8. Safe loading and unloading of students.

Safe operation of a Type III vehicle

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- Ensure you are well rested before driving
- Always practice defensive driving skills
- Follow all state and federal laws governing vehicle operations
- Do not speed
- Maintain a safe following distance based on traffic and road conditions
- When passing adhere to pavement markings, signage and applicable laws
- Yield right of way to pedestrians as required by law (MS 169.21)
- Never use an unsafe vehicle and all safety equipment is present (pre-trip violations, etc.)
- Know how to operate all equipment on the vehicle and consult the vehicles owners manual for specifics for the vehicle.
- Students **cannot** be in the vehicle while it is being fueled
- All students must be in the vehicle before backing up

1. Safe operation of a Type III vehicle

The Smith System of Defensive Driving is a series of driving techniques that reduce the likelihood of being involved in a crash. Five keys to space cushion driving:

1. Aim high in steering.
 - Look further ahead to identify changing traffic conditions.
2. Get the big picture.
 - Traffic conditions continually change, look around and be prepared.
3. Keep your eyes moving.
 - Scan traffic and mirrors, don't focus or concentrate on just what's ahead.
4. Leave yourself an out.
 - Maintain a safe following distance and adjust your driving as traffic conditions change. Be aware of the space cushions around your vehicle in case you have to take evasive action.
5. Make sure they see you.
 - Turn lights on for safety and maintain good lane position.

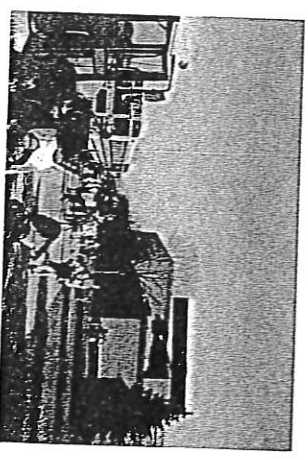
2. Understanding student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities

- There are different types of disabilities you will need to be aware of based on the student(s) being transported. Your employer must provide you this training.
- Special needs students may not fully understand all the safety rules necessary for their safe ride which presents challenges to you as a driver.
- If the regular transportation routine is changed some special needs students will not understand and may act out.
- Many questions you have regarding a particular student's special needs may best be answered by their parent, guardian, caregiver or teacher.
- Seat assignments may be needed in some cases.
- Always make sure special equipment is properly secured e.g. crutches, oxygen, adaptive walkers, wheelchairs, etc.

3. Encouraging orderly conduct of students on the bus and handling incidents of misconduct appropriately.

Control behavior by clearly communicating the rules:

- Always put student safety first
- Stay seated
- Stay buckled up
- Face forward
- Do not distract the driver while driving
- Deal with misconduct.
 - You may need to pull over in a safe location to address the behavior.
- Do not allow bad behavior to go unchecked as it will only get worse if allowed to continue.
- Know your district/company discipline policy and ask for help when necessary.
- All breaches of student discipline must be reported per the districts policies.



4. Knowing and understanding relevant laws, rules of the road and local school bus safety policies;

- There are many laws that govern operations of Type III school buses; basic traffic law, distracted driving, cell phone use, seat belt use, obeying speed limits and other laws.
- Many other rules, regulations and laws governing Type III vehicles are located within different sections of Minnesota State Statute, Rules and the Minnesota Driver License Manual.
- Please consult with your district or private contractor for additional information.

Physical Examination of Driver (Medical or Health Card)

- Type III school bus drivers hired solely to operate a Type III school bus must submit to a physical examination as required by section 171.321, subdivision 2b (e).
- If you are required to submit to a physical exam, you must carry physical examination card with you while operating a Type III school bus as this will be the only proof of your physical qualification.

Violation Disclosure Requirements

(MS 171.02 Subd. 2b)

- Employee notification requirements to be given to your employer of;
 - DWI
 - Disqualifying offenses
 - Moving violations
- The employee is required to disclose in writing within ten (10) days of conviction any of the above violations to the employer.

Type III School Bus Driver Notification to Employer of Violation An operator who sustains a conviction as describe in 171.02 subd 2b paragraph (b), (c) or (d) while employed by the entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school bus shall report the conviction to the employee(s) in writing within 10 days of such conviction.	
Driver's Name (First Name, MI, Last Name) DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER DATE OF CONVICTION LOCATION OF OFFENSE DETAILS ABOUT THE OFFENSE, INCLUDING ANY RESULTING SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR CANCELLATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES	
DRIVER'S NAME (First Name, MI, Last Name) DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER DATE OF CONVICTION LOCATION OF OFFENSE DETAILS ABOUT THE OFFENSE, INCLUDING ANY RESULTING SUSPENSION, REVOCATION, OR CANCELLATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES	STATE CITY DATE
SIGNATURE OF DRIVER	

Disqualification

Moving violations example

(MS 171.02 Subd. 2b)

A person who sustains a conviction for a moving offense in violation of chapter 169 within three years of the first of three other moving offenses is precluded from operating a Type III school bus for one year from the date of the last conviction.

Example:	02-10-2014	Speed
	11-21-2014	Speed
	12-31-2015	Speed
	03-10-2016	Disobey sign (triggering conviction)

Loss of Type III driving privileges for one (1) year from the last conviction (03-11-2017), eligible for reinstatement

Loss of Driving Privileges Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

- Driver's of Type III school buses are subject to the same set of standards adopted for regular school bus driver's holding a commercial driver license (CDL) with regards to DWI convictions.
- Convictions of any DWI laws, including those occurring in a personal vehicle, will automatically result in a five (5) year disqualification of your Type III school bus driving privilege.

Criminal Background Investigations

(MS 171.02 Subd. 2b)

All Type III school bus operators are subject to an initial background check or background investigation of the operator that meets the requirements under section 122A.18, subdivision 8 or 123B.03 for school district employees; section 144.057 or chapter 245C for day care employees; or section 171.321, subdivision 3, for all other persons operating a Type A or Type III school bus under this subdivision.

Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing

(MS 171.02 Subd. 2b)

- MS 181.951 Authorized Drug and Alcohol Testing

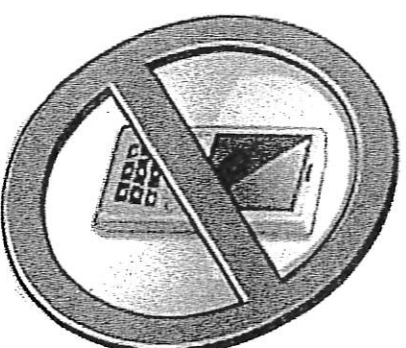
Drivers operating a Type III school bus may be subject to controlled substance / alcohol testing by your employer if the operator's employer has adopted and implemented a policy that provides for mandatory drug and alcohol testing of applicants for operator positions and current operators, in accordance with section 181.951;

- Subd. 2. Job applicant testing
- Subd. 4. Random testing
- Subd. 5. Reasonable suspicion testing

Personal Cellular Phone Call Prohibited

(MS 169.443 sub 9)

A school bus driver may not operate a school bus or Type III school bus while communicating over, or otherwise operating, a cellular phone for personal reasons, whether hand-held or hands free, when in motion or part of traffic. This includes text messaging.



School Bus Annual Inspection Decal

Ensure the Type III school bus has a current inspection decal. The annual inspection is valid for one year from the month it was inspected in.

An example, if the annual inspection was completed January 2016, it will remain valid through January 2017 before expiring.

JAN	MINNESOTA	JUL
FEB	STATE PATROL	AUG
MAR	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM	SEP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This vehicle is in compliance with 160CFR 330.17 • School Bus Inspection Pursuant to 169.451 • Wheel Chair Securement Devices Pursuant to 3902.11 		
INSPECTED IN MONTH SPECIFIED		
APR	2016	OCT
MAY		NOV
JUN	VIN#	DEC
Serial No. SAMPLE		
DO NOT DUPLICATE UNDER PENALTY OF LAW		

5. Handling emergency situations

Emergency Equipment every Type III Vehicle must have

- First Aid Kit – synthetic vinyl gloves (No Latex)
- Body Fluid Clean up/Spill Kit
- Fire Extinguisher, charged and in the green zone on the indicator
- Ensure that if you use any safety equipment *you* replace it or notify a supervisor to have it replaced.

*******If emergency equipment is not located in the driver area a label shall be located in the driver compartment indicating the location of the emergency equipment.

Other

- Seat Belt Cutter shall be located within the reach of the driver.

When to Evacuate

- In case of fire, broken down in an unsafe location or other life threatening situation.

Type III school bus emergency equipment must be properly secured in the vehicle to prevent movement.

In this picture the equipment is mounted to the floor. It may also be secured in a bag or container.



Emergency Preparedness

- Plan your route before you leave
- Plan evacuations for your Type III school bus
- Make sure the students know all the exits and how to use them
- Make sure all students are dressed for the weather conditions
- Make sure that all safety equipment is available and ready for use.
- Keep a list of contact names and phone numbers in case of a mechanical problem

6. Proper use of seat belts and child safety restraints

Seat Belt Requirements- MS169.686

- State law requires seatbelt usage of all passengers in the vehicle.
- Check with your district or private carrier concerning any additional seat belt usage policies.
- Air bag technology has improved over the years, however air bags can still present a significant danger to students in the front seat.
- It is recommended students avoid riding in the front passenger seat of a Type III school bus until they are twelve years of age and/or adult size.
- Always consult the vehicle owners manual for important safety information for the vehicle being operated.

Booster Seat Requirements

(MS 169.685 Subd. 5(a))

Every motor vehicle operator, when transporting a child who is *both* under the age eight and shorter than four feet nine inches on the streets and highways of this state in a motor vehicle equipped with factory-installed seat belts, shall equip and install for use in the motor vehicle, according to the manufacturer's instructions, a child passenger restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

- A daily pre trip inspection of the vehicle must be completed by the driver or the designated person.
- A copy of the pre trip must be kept with the vehicle for the current date.
- Not completing a pre-trip form will result in a citation being issued by law enforcement to the driver of the Type III school bus.

Repairs completed by:

Pre-trip form must be filled out and signed

- While completing your pre-trip inspection ensure all items are checked using your pre-trip inspection report form. If you discover a missing required inspection return to that item and check it.
- Contact your supervisor if you don't find pre-trip forms in the school bus or are having difficulty completing it.
- Not completing a pre-trip form will result in a citation being issued by law enforcement to the driver of the Type III school bus.

TYPE III SCHOOL BUS
DAILY PRE-TRIP INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date: _____ Time: _____
Bus Number: _____ Starting Mileage: _____ Ending Mileage: _____
Driver Name: _____ Driver Signature: _____

GENERAL

1. Check fluid levels (oil, coolant, brake, etc.) _____
2. Check tire pressure and tread _____
3. Check lights (head, tail, brake, etc.) _____
4. Check horn _____
5. Check windshield wipers _____
6. Check mirrors _____
7. Check seat belts _____
8. Check emergency exits _____
9. Check fire extinguisher _____
10. Check first aid kit _____
11. Check emergency communication system _____
12. Check emergency escape route _____
13. Check emergency escape procedure _____
14. Check emergency escape drill _____
15. Check emergency escape drill results _____

EXTERNAL INSPECTION

1. Check exterior body _____
2. Check exterior paint _____
3. Check exterior trim _____
4. Check exterior lights _____
5. Check exterior mirrors _____
6. Check exterior door _____
7. Check exterior window _____
8. Check exterior glass _____
9. Check exterior door lock _____
10. Check exterior door handle _____
11. Check exterior door latch _____
12. Check exterior door hinge _____
13. Check exterior door latch cable _____
14. Check exterior door latch lock _____
15. Check exterior door latch key _____

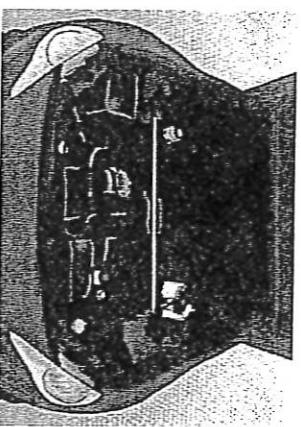
INTERNAL INSPECTION

1. Check interior body _____
2. Check interior paint _____
3. Check interior trim _____
4. Check interior lights _____
5. Check interior mirrors _____
6. Check interior door _____
7. Check interior window _____
8. Check interior glass _____
9. Check interior door lock _____
10. Check interior door handle _____
11. Check interior door latch _____
12. Check interior door hinge _____
13. Check interior door latch cable _____
14. Check interior door latch lock _____
15. Check interior door latch key _____

Inspection completed by: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Conduct an external inspection

- Mechanical checks under hood
 - Check the oil, coolant, transmission fluid and washer fluid.
 - Belts and hose
 - Battery connections and securement
 - Look for fluid leaks
- Walk around inspection
 - All lights
 - Tires (visually inspect for proper inflation also)
 - Mirrors
 - Windows
 - Windshield wipers
 - Gas cap
 - Vehicle damage



Conduct Interior Inspection

- Check gauges and or lights
 - Turn signal indicators
 - ABS light
 - Headlamp indicator (high beam)
 - Horn
 - Windshield wiper operation including the washer fluid
 - Low tire pressure monitoring system is so equipped (TPMS)
 - Dashboard and interior lights
 - Fuel
- Adjust all mirrors to give you a clear view
- Adjust the driver seat position for your comfort and vehicle control
- Ensure ALL seat belts are available for use and functional
- Emergency equipment

What if I find something wrong during the pre-trip inspection?

Good Question

If you discover a mechanical problem during the pre-trip inspection contact a supervisor or maintenance shop personnel to ensure repairs are made prior to operating the Type III school bus.

8. Safe loading and unloading of students.

(MS 171.02 sub. 2b, 8 (i))

The driver of a Type III school bus shall place the transmission in ***park*** while loading or unloading of students is occurring.

Safe loading and unloading of students, including, but not limited to:

1. The curb, on the non traffic side of the road
2. Off street area's
3. Driveways
4. Yards
5. Parking lots
6. Refraining from loading and unloading students in the vehicular traffic lane, the shoulder, a designated turn lane or a lane adjacent to a designated turn lane.

Loading and Unloading of Students

MS 171.02 sub. 2b, 8 (iii)

Avoiding a loading or unloading location that would require a student to cross a road.

If the student must cross the road, they must be escorted across the road by the driver or aide.

Remember to secure the vehicle by removing the keys and taking them with you if you escort the child across the road.

Zero Tolerance Alcohol

169A.31 Alcohol – Related School Bus - Driving

Subdivision 1. Crime described.

It is a crime for any person to drive, operate, or be in physical control of any class of school bus (includes a Type III vehicle) or Head Start bus within this state when there is physical evidence present in the person's body of the consumption of any alcohol...

...a person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of misdemeanor

Zero Tolerance Alcohol

169A.31 Alcohol – Related School Bus - Driving

Subd. 2. Gross misdemeanor alcohol-related school bus driving.

A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of gross misdemeanor alcohol-related school bus (includes a Type III vehicle) or Head Start bus driving if:

- (1) the violation occurs while a child under the age of 16 is in the vehicle, if the child is more than 36 months younger than the violator; or
- (2) the violation occurs within ten years of a qualified prior impaired driving incident.

Type III Vehicle

Post Crash Inspection Requirement

MS 169.4511

A peace officer responding to an accident involving a school bus (Type II) or Head Start bus must immediately notify the State Patrol if the accident results in;

- a fatality;
- bodily injury to a person who, as a result of the injury, immediately receives medical treatment away from the scene of the accident; or
- one or more motor vehicles incurring disabling damage as a result of the accident, requiring the motor vehicles to be transported away from the scene by tow truck or other motor vehicle.

