

**Tumwater School District  
Board Policy**

**BUS MAINTENANCE**

Buses used in the district's transportation program shall be in safe and legal operating condition. All buses shall be inspected by the Washington State Patrol twice each year. Any bus receiving a major repair shall be inspected in the same manner as a new bus, with emphasis on mechanical safety. No bus shall be operated with re-grooved, recapped or retreaded tires on the front wheels.

The superintendent shall establish a specific list of tasks that bus drivers shall perform on a daily basis.

Each school bus shall be equipped with a front-mounted crossing arm so that students will be at least five feet in front of the bus before being able to cross in front of it.

Legal Reference: WAC    392.143.035 Inspection by state patrol  
                                  392.143.040 Inspection of school buses  
                                  392.143.065 Tires--Front axle  
                                  392.145.020 Rules for school bus drivers through 030

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