COLORADO
Department of Education
School Finance and Operations Division

Mandatory
FORM # STU-23
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STU-23 | School Bus Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Requirements

Type A, B, C, and D School Buses, MFSABs, and Motor Coaches | 2026-2027

ALL ITEMS ON THIS CHECKLIST ARE MANDATORY.

Required by 1 CCR 301-26, Sections 11.1.1-11.1.3 and Table 4. Complete the daily pre-trip inspection before placing the vehicle in service and the daily post-trip inspection at the end of the vehicle's daily operation. Document each inspection as required by Section 11.1.2.

*Notation: Items marked ** are not required for electric vehicles. If the vehicle has no air brakes, mark the Air Brake Check items N/A.*

Front of Vehicle
- ☐ Light lens condition

Side of Vehicle
- ☐ Light lens condition
- ☐ Reflectors
- ☐ Student door
- ☐ Lift door, if present
- ☐ Mirrors
- ☐ Battery box
- ☐ Fuel tank
- ☐ Fuel leaks
- ☐ Fuel cap

Rear of Vehicle
- ☐ Light lens condition
- ☐ Reflectors
- ☐ Splash guard
- ☐ Emergency doors
- ☐ Tailpipe/muffler**

Exterior Lights
- ☐ Clearance lights
- ☐ Hazard lights
- ☐ Turn signals
- ☐ Overhead amber lights
- ☐ Overhead red lights
- ☐ Stop arm lights and operation
- ☐ Tail lights
- ☐ Brake lights

Engine Compartment
- ☐ Oil level**
- ☐ Coolant level
- ☐ Power steering fluid
- ☐ Water pump**
  - ☐ Belt or gear
- ☐ Alternator**
  - ☐ Belt or gear
- ☐ Air compressor
  - ☐ Belt or gear
- ☐ Fan belt(s)
- ☐ Leaks
- ☐ Hoses

Steering
- ☐ Steering box
- ☐ Hoses
- ☐ Pitman arm
- ☐ Drag link

Tires
- ☐ Inflation
- ☐ Condition
- ☐ Tread depth

Wheels
- ☐ Rims
- ☐ Lug nuts
- ☐ Axle hub oil seal
- ☐ Spacers

Front/Rear Brakes
- ☐ Slack adjuster
- ☐ Brake chamber
- ☐ Brake hose or line
- ☐ Drum or disc
- ☐ Linings or pads

Under Vehicle
- ☐ Drive shaft
- ☐ Exhaust system**
- ☐ Frame

Suspension
- ☐ Springs
- ☐ Spring mount(s)
- ☐ Shock(s)
- ☐ U-bolts
- ☐ Air bag(s)
- ☐ Air bag mount(s)

Air Brake Check
- ☐ 1. Compressor
- ☐ 2. System leaks
- ☐ 3. Low air warning
- ☐ 4. Valve set or hydraulic brake

Passenger Items
- ☐ Steps
- ☐ Handrail
- ☐ Step lights
- ☐ Lift, if present
- ☐ Seating secured

In Cab
- ☐ Safe start
- ☐ ABS indicator
- ☐ Temperature gauge
- ☐ Oil pressure gauge**
- ☐ Voltmeter gauge**
- ☐ Air gauge

In Cab Cont.
- ☐ Left turn signal
- ☐ Right turn signal
- ☐ Hazard lights
- ☐ Headlights
  - ☐ High and low beams
- ☐ Horn
- ☐ Heater(s)
- ☐ Defroster
- ☐ Mirrors
  - ☐ Exterior and student mirrors
- ☐ Windshield
- ☐ Wipers
- ☐ Washers
- ☐ Parking brake
- ☐ Service brake
- ☐ Dome lights
- ☐ Emergency door alarm
- ☐ Emergency window alarm
- ☐ Communications

Emergency Equipment
- ☐ Safety belt
- ☐ Warning triangles
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Bodily fluid kit
- ☐ Seat belt cutter
- ☐ Fire extinguisher
- ☐ Electrical fuses

Post-Trip
- ☐ Student check
- ☐ Walk-around inspection
- ☐ Articles left on the bus
- ☐ Open windows or doors
- ☐ Damage or vandalism
- ☐ Mechanical problems
- ☐ Operational problems

Defect Reporting

Any damage, defect, or deficiency affecting safety or regulatory compliance must be reported immediately under Section 11.3.2. The vehicle must be confirmed safe before transporting students.

Driver Signature: Date: