

School Bus Maintenance

District-owned and operated buses will be constructed, equipped and inspected in accordance with federal and Oregon law and administrative rules and requirements adopted by the State Board of Education. Buses will be maintained in safe operating conditions through a sound preventive maintenance program.

1. Each driver will make pre-trip inspections using the form included in the Transportation Procedures and Requirements Handbook.
2. Each driver will make a written report to the transportation supervisor regarding any mechanical defects as soon as defects are discovered.
3. Defects will be corrected, the driver notified, and a written report submitted as soon as possible.
4. A thorough inspection will be conducted and inspection results will be reported each time the vehicle is serviced. Records will be maintained in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules. Vehicles will be serviced according to factory specifications and recommendations.
5. All buses will be thoroughly inspected both at the beginning and end of each school year with continual inspections throughout the year. Written reports of each inspection will be maintained.
6. All buses will have stop signal arms mounted in accordance with state law and rules after August 1, 1995. Buses purchased after September 1, 1993 will have stop signal arms mounted as required.

Adequate maintenance and storage facilities will be provided for all equipment.

Adequate mechanical services with trained personnel will be available.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 820.105](#)

[ORS 820.120](#)

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Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended, 20 U.S.C. Sections 1400-1427, as amended and renamed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), P.L. 101-476, 104 Stat 1103 (1990), as amended P.L. 105-17 (1997). [P.L. 94-142 is a well-known "short" reference to this federal legislation.].
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Sections 791, 793 and 794.