

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 condition through a sound preventive maintenance program within the limitations of the district's resources.

1. Each driver will make pre-trip inspections, including:
 - a. Windshield and wipers;
 - b. All outside lights;
 - c. Service door;
 - d. Tires and wheel lug nuts;
 - e. Battery, belts, oil and coolant level;
 - f. Horns;
 - g. Brakes;
 - h. Steering;
 - i. Exhaust system;
 - j. See that lights, windshield, mirrors and warning sign are clean;
 - k. Emergency equipment;
 - l. Emergency exits and audible warning devices.
2. Each driver will make a written report regarding any mechanical defects as soon as such 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 results of the inspection reported each time the vehicle is serviced. 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. Written reports of each inspection will be submitted.
6. All buses will have stop signal arms mounted in accordance with state law and rules after August 1, 1995. New buses purchased after September 1, 1993 will have stop signal arms mounted as required.
7. Adequate maintenance and storage facilities will be provided for all equipment.

8. A complete individual record will be kept on each district vehicle. The record will include all costs of operation, maintenance and repair.

Adequate mechanical services with trained personnel will be available at the school plant or through contracted services.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 820.105](#)

[ORS 820.120](#)

[OAR 581-053-0008](#)

[OAR 581-053-0512 to -0550](#)

Education of the Handicapped Act of 1975, as amended, 20 U.S.C., sections 14001427, (West 1988), as amended and renamed Individuals with Disabilities

Education Act, P.L. 101-476, 104 Stat 1103 (1990) [P.L. 94-142 is the well-known "short" reference to this federal legislation.]

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C.A., Section 504 (West 1985)