

Summary of Significant Changes to the 2008 Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual

(Revisions to currently adopted 2003 Manual)

ITEMS	SECTIONS	PAGES
State Board rule language (revised) to include latest version of 6A-3.0171, FAC excerpt.	FL Statute and State Board Rule	iv
100-question certification procedures (revised); online aspect (added) <u>Rationale:</u> The Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT) voted to allow the 100-question test to become an open book test, because inspectors use the manual daily while inspecting school buses.	School Bus Inspection Certification Program	xv
30-question re-certification test procedures (revised); online aspect (added) <u>Rationale:</u> The FAPT voted to allow candidates for re-certification to take the 30-question test more than two times.	School Bus Inspection Re-certification Program	xx
Noise Abatement Switch criterion (added) <u>Rationale:</u> New specifications item that allows bus operators to use a single switch to turn off all noisy equipment at railroad crossings for enhanced safety.	A. 3. d.	9
High transmission temperature warning light or buzzer inspection procedure and out of service (OOS) criterion (added). <u>Rationale:</u> Many newer buses come equipped with transmission temperature warning devices.	A. 5. c.	14
Note concerning use of wheel chocks (added). <u>Rationale:</u> To emphasize safety for technicians and inspectors who service buses.	A. 6. and A. 7.	15 and 21
Bus operator's seat and belt (revised) to include color requirement and "Repair or Note" criterion for incorrect color. <u>Rationale:</u> New specifications item that requires bus operator lap/shoulder belts to be bright colors so that observers can see whether or not the belts are being worn.	A. 14.	46
Post Trip Passenger Check criterion (added). <u>Rationale:</u> New specifications item that requires bus operator to go to the back of the bus after every run to ensure no students remain on the bus.	A. 16. d.	56
Front Brake Adjustment procedures (revised). <u>Rationale:</u> Recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) concerning brake adjustment procedures warranted revisions to the manual.	D. 2. j.	128 - 129
Rear Brake Adjustment procedures (revised). <u>Rationale:</u> Recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) concerning brake adjustment procedures warranted revisions to the manual.	D. 10. j.	156 - 157