

Subsection (8) of Rule 6A-3.0171 is amended to read:

6A-3.0171 Responsibilities of School Districts for Student Transportation. Each school district shall exercise specific powers and responsibilities, as follows:

(8) Inspection and maintenance of school buses.

(a) To provide, after considering recommendations of the superintendent, adequate storage, maintenance and inspection procedures for all buses owned by the school board, and to assure that all contract buses in use in the district are properly inspected and maintained in accordance with law and rules of the State Board.

(b) The inspection shall be conducted in accordance with procedures and include all items listed in the State of Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual, 2003 ~~2000~~ Edition which is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule. This document may be obtained from the Bureau of Career Development, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at a cost not to exceed actual production and distribution cost.

(c) Inspection of buses shall be scheduled and performed at a maximum interval of thirty (30) ~~required every twenty (20)~~ school days. Any bus that is removed from service or deadlined

so as to disrupt the safety inspection schedule shall be inspected prior to being returned to service. All deficiencies discovered during the safety inspection shall be noted on the inspection form. Follow-up repairs of all safety related items shall be made before the bus is returned to service and shall be documented.

(d) School bus inspections shall be conducted by technicians certified as school bus inspectors in accordance with the State of Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual, 2003 ~~2000~~ Edition. The requirement that inspections be performed by a certified school bus inspector may be waived for a period not to exceed six (6) months when an emergency condition exists, upon written notification to the Commissioner by the district superintendent. ~~This paragraph shall become effective January 1, 2001.~~

(e) No person shall knowingly render inoperative or reduce compliance of any school bus equipment required to meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards applicable at the time of manufacture.

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