

Rule 6A-3.0291 is amended to read:

6A-3.0291 Specifications for New School Buses.

(1) School buses purchased each year shall conform to current National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures ~~Standards for School Buses~~ of the National Conference on School Transportation, current Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and to specifications prescribed by the State Board for body, chassis and special equipment as provided in Section 1006.25, ~~234.051~~, Florida Statutes. Each school bus as defined by Section 1006.25(1), ~~234.051(1)~~, Florida Statutes, shall meet the requirements of the Florida School Bus Specifications applicable for the year the bus was manufactured or the previous year if specifications were not revised and approved for a given year. Specifications shall incorporate the specific standards as approved by the State Board prior to and including the following years: 1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1995, ~~and~~ 2000, and 2002 revised. Copies of the above specifications are on file and available from the School Transportation Management Section, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399. Specifications may vary for

different sizes and types of buses to meet specific needs and conditions. Bid forms prepared under the direction of the Commissioner shall incorporate basic specifications and equipment.

(2) Any school district may, at its option, upgrade any school bus or buses with equipment meeting specifications which are current at the time of the upgrade.

(3) The Chief Financial Officer ~~Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Budgeting and Management~~ may approve special equipment differing from or not prescribed in Florida School Bus Specifications for the specific purpose of limited pilot testing to determine if such equipment provides substantive improvements in safety or cost effectiveness. Pilot testing of equipment shall not be approved until the Chief Financial Officer ~~Deputy Commissioner for Planning, Budgeting and Management~~ has determined to the extent practical that the equipment will not compromise safety.

Specific Authority 1006.25 ~~234.051~~ FS. Law Implemented 1006.22, 1006.25 ~~234.02, 234.051~~ FS. History - Amended 9-17-72, 7-20-74, Repromulgated 12-5-74, Amended 11-10-83, 3-28-84, 10-8-84, 10-8-85, Formerly 6A-3.29, Amended 8-19-86, 9-30-87, 10-4-88, 12-11-89, 12-18-90, 11-10-92, 9-5-93, 11-15-94, 10-18-95, Formerly

6A-3.029, Amended 6-11-2000, Formerly 6-3.029, Amended

c.f. Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, January 1965

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, Chassis - 1966; Body -  
1966

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, January 1966

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1968

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1969

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1970

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1971

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1972

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1973

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, November 1974

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, January 1975

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, Chassis - October  
1976;

Body - October, 1976, No Type A; No Exceptional Child

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, Body, Chassis, Type A,  
and Exceptional Child, March 1977

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1978

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, Amended, 1979

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, November 1980

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1982

Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1983  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, January 1984  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, September 1984  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, September 1985  
Florida School Bus Specifications July 1986  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, October 1987  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1988  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1989  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1990  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1992  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1993  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 1995  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 2000  
Florida School Bus Specifications Revised, 2002