

6A-3.003 Certification as to Specifications of School Buses.

(1) Before any manufacturer, distributor or dealer may offer for sale or lease any school bus chassis or bodies to be used for the transportation of students to public schools of Florida, such manufacturer, distributor or dealer shall:

(a) File with the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations a certified statement that any school bus chassis or body sold by such manufacturer, distributor or dealer will meet the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards required by section 1006.25(2), F.S., the National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures, May ~~2025~~~~2015~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18858+1172>), and the Florida School Bus Specifications, effective January ~~1, 2026~~ ~~2023~~ (<http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-18859+4905>), all of which are incorporated herein by reference. For information on obtaining copies of the National School Transportation Specifications & Procedures, May ~~2025~~ ~~2015~~ or the Florida School Bus Specifications, January ~~1, 2026~~ ~~2023~~, contact the Director of School Transportation Management, Florida Department of Education, Suite 834, 325 W. Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399.

(b) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) Insofar as practicable, the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations or his/her authorized representative shall make periodic ~~inspections~~ ~~inspection~~ of school bus chassis and bodies delivered to school boards for the purpose of determining if the standards referenced in paragraph (1)(a) of this rule have been met. Should it be determined that any chassis or body delivered to a school board does not meet these standards, including equipment specified, the manufacturer, distributor or dealer shall make satisfactory corrections as prescribed by the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations or authorized representative. The Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations and the district receiving such equipment shall refuse further approval of bids submitted by the manufacturer, distributor, ~~and~~ dealer or representative until satisfactory corrections are made.

(4) through (6) No change.

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