

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
November 13, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-3.0171, Responsibilities of School Districts for Student Transportation

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Sections 1001.02(1) and 1006.22, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This amendment will update the 2020 edition of the Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual for 2025. New technologies for electric school buses necessitate related changes to inspection criteria and procedures, requiring periodic revisions of this publication to ensure school buses remain safe for student transportation.

Regulations previously limiting the use of vehicles other than school buses for student transportation to and from school and school activities were relaxed during the 2023 legislative session with the passing of House Bill 1. Therefore, rules must be adopted to define vehicles other than school buses allowed for student transportation. The frequency of school bus inspections is updated to eliminate redundant inspections and align with industry standards. School bus inspections will be conducted quarterly, with the maximum interval not exceeding 101 calendar days.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-3.0171, F.A.C.

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