

TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

School buses shall be equipped and operated in accordance with Education Code, Administrative Code, Vehicle Code, and the rules and regulations of the California Department of Education and the California Highway Patrol.

Office of Education transportation equipment shall be submitted to regular and thorough inspections to insure safe operation. A systematic program of maintenance for all equipment shall be followed and appropriate records kept by the Transportation Supervisor.

Passenger Restraint Systems

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that any school bus or student activity bus which is purchased or leased by the district is equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso passenger restraint system at all designated seating positions if it is a Type 1 school bus manufactured on or after July 1, 2005 which is designed for carrying more than 16 passengers and the driver.

When a school bus or student activity bus is equipped with a passenger restraint system, all passengers shall use the restraint system except for the physically disabled student requiring a different restraint system than the regularly-installed item.

Bus drivers shall be instructed regarding procedures to enforce the proper use of the passenger restraint system. Students who fail to follow instructions of the bus driver may be subject to appropriate discipline, including suspension of riding privileges, in accordance with Board Policy and administrative regulations.

Other Safety Equipment

Each school bus shall be equipped with at least one fire extinguisher located in the driver's compartment which meets the standards specified by law. In addition, a wheelchair school bus shall have another fire extinguisher placed at the wheelchair loading door or emergency exit. All fire extinguishers shall be regularly inspected and serviced in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshall.

Each school bus shall be equipped with the appropriate first aid kit and emergency reflectors.

Legal reference

EDUCATION CODE

39830-39842 Transportation, school buses

VEHICLE CODE

545-546 Definition of school bus and school pupil activity bus

27316 Passenger restraint systems

34500 California Highway Patrol responsibility to regulate safe operation of school buses

34501.5 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: safe operation of school buses

34508 California Highway Patrol responsibility to adopt rules re: equipment and operations of school buses

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1293 Motor carrier safety

Policy

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