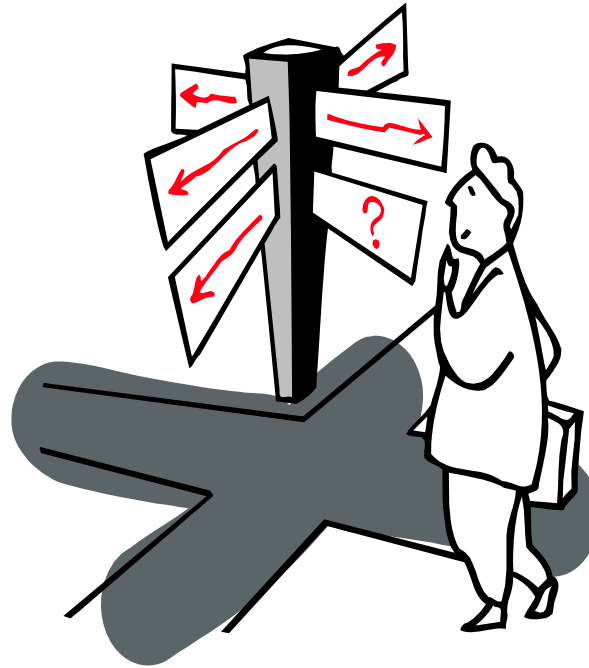


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STS Conference – April 15, 2013



New Jersey's School Bus Code

Changes to:
NJAC Title 13
That will be adopted and
published April 15.



Scope & Purpose

- Applicable to all School Buses and Small School Vehicles
- Effective April 15 2013



TYPES of School Bus

- Type A - S2 - 10 to 16 passenger <10,000 lbs.
- Type B - S1 or S2 - 10 to 25 passenger >10,000
- Type C - S1 - 17 to 54 passenger >10,000
- Type D - S1 - 17 to 54 passenger >10,000
- Small School Vehicle - S2 - 9 or less passengers 3000 lbs. to 9600lbs.
- Does not include driver

Out Of Service Repair Certificate

APPENDIX A



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School Bus Out of Service Repair Certification

The undersigned certifies that all Out of Service violations noted on the NJMVC Inspection Form for registration number: _____ and Bus number: _____ have been repaired and meet all state and federal requirements. Vehicle may be operated as per NJAC 13:20-30.5.

Name of Repairer (Print) x: _____

Signature of Repairer x: _____

Facility : _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Note: This form must be retained in the bus and presented to NJMVC at time of re-inspection.

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Driver's Daily Report

13:20-30.7 (a)

Every operator shall require his or her drivers to report, and every driver shall prepare such a report in writing **or via a Commission – approved electronic device** at the beginning of his or her workday or tour of duty, which report shall list any defects or deficiencies of the school bus discovered by **the** driver as would be likely to affect the safe operation of the school bus or result in its mechanical breakdown, or shall indicate that no such defects or deficiencies were discovered by him or her.

A sample of the “Driver Daily Report” form that may be

used for submitting the driver daily report is located at N.J.A.C. 13:20-30 Appendix B, incorporated herein by reference and can be found on the Motor Vehicle Commission’s website at

<http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Inspections/SchoolBus.htm>.

Similar forms containing the required information or electronic devices may be used to report daily school bus condition upon prior approval by the Commission.



Driver's Daily Report

13:20-30.7 (b)

The daily school bus condition report shall include, but not be limited to, **the driver's name and signature, the date and time the report was prepared, bus identifying information, and assessment of safety, mechanical and equipment components including** the following:

1. – 20. (No change.)

21 – Exterior Damage

Driver's Daily Report

13:20-30.7 (c)

An operator **or operators designee** shall examine such reports and shall repair the defects or deficiencies noted therein. An operator **or operators designee** shall certify on the report that the defects or deficiencies have been repaired. The **operator or operators designee** shall sign the report to acknowledge that he or she has reviewed the report and that there is a certification that the required repairs have been preformed.



13:20-30.8 Required Practices

Specific equipment shall be inspected and maintained at least once every three months or as set forth in the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule, whichever occurs first ; the **results of the inspections shall be reported on the** "Quarterly Maintenance Inspection" form, **which** can be found on the Motor Vehicle Commission website at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Inspections/SchoolBus.htm>. **or on another form upon prior approval by the Commission.** The specific equipment to be inspected and maintained **shall include:**

1. - 17. (No change.)



Operator Responsibilities

39:3B-21

- Meet standards pertaining to equipment, maintenance and repair of buses
- Maintain required inspection records
- Meet requirements established for driver employment records
- Driver Training
- Notify MVC within 24 hours in writing for any inspection cancellation
- Accidents - Notification required to MVC within 72 hours of any accident that has resulted in mechanical damage requiring the bus to be towed.



Operator Responsibilities

39:8-3 (c)

- c. Notwithstanding the issuance or non-issuance of a certificate of approval, the obligation to ensure that a vehicle is in a proper and safe condition rests with the owner, operator or lessee, as appropriate, of the vehicle.



Driver Responsibilities

- Maintain CDL
- Notify employer of driving violations
- Perform daily pre-trip
- Complete vehicle condition report
- Communicate vehicle problems in writing to mechanics by completing the vehicle condition report



Driver Responsibilities

- Drivers found to be in violation of not properly completing the “Driver Daily” reports can be issued a summons

New Approval Sticker





2012 Inspections

- 44,450 Initial inspections performed.
- 21,860 Buses placed Out of Service 49%
- 5,841 Buses with 30 Day rejections 13%
- 16,749 Buses initially passed 38%



Top 10 30 Day Rejected Items

10	Mirrors	3.69%
9.	Bus Exterior (Body Damage)	3.83%
8.	Wipers / Washers / Horn	3.91%
7.	Underbody	4.27%
6.	Bus Interiors	4.35%
5.	Safety Equipment	6.46%
4.	Emergency Equipment	6.47%
3.	Under Hood	10.00%
2.	Seats	17.74%
1.	Lights	19.54%



Top 10 O/S Rejected Items

10	Bus Exterior	3.15%
9.	Lights	3.71%
8.	Tires	4.71%
7.	School Bus Warning Equipment	4.87%
6.	Exhaust Systems	6.12%
5.	Seats (Mounting)	6.64%
4.	Underbody	8.01%
3.	Service Brake	8.87%
2.	Under Hood (Fluid Leaks)	11.89%
1.	Emergency Exits	20.45%



Governor's Task Force Rejection Rates 2011

- Total School Buses Inspected - 84
- Total buses placed out of service - 69; for a 82% out of service rate
- Total buses receiving 30 day rejection stickers - 7; for a 8% 30 day rejection rate
- Total buses initially approved - 8; for a 10% initial approval rate
- Buses reinspected and approved during the task force - 47; for a 55% reinspection approval rate



Governor's Task Force Rejection Rates 2012

- Total School Buses Inspected - 120
- Total buses placed out of service - 88; for a 74% out of service rate
- Total buses receiving 30 day rejection stickers - 12; for a 11% 30 day rejection rate
- Total buses initially approved - 20: for a 15% approval rate
- Buses reinspected and approved during the task force - 37; for a 30% reinspection approval rate



Governor's Task Force 2013





Questions or Comments

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