

E-10 BUS SAFETY

The Board requires that prior to employment all school bus drivers obtain a special school bus driver's license issued by the State Department of Education and an Alabama commercial driver's license.

Safety Inspection

The State Board of Education requires that all vehicles used for the transportation of children, whether privately or publicly owned, be inspected annually by authorized and qualified State Department of Education employees. Any bus found to be deficient shall be "red tagged" and shall not be used to transport students until the appropriate repairs have been made and further inspection reveals that the deficiency has been removed.

All vehicles used for the transportation of children shall be inspected monthly by all bus drivers and documented as required according to the standards established by the State Department of Education.

All bus drivers shall wear seat belts while operating a school bus.

Bus Conduct

The safety of those who ride a school bus depends to a great extent on their own behavior. Students on school buses are under the supervision of the bus driver and shall obey the driver at all times. Failure of a student while on a school bus to comply with the instructions of a school bus driver shall result on the student being subject to the Board's disciplinary policies.

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