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7470.0500 TIMES OF INSPECTION.

Subpart 1 **Scheduled inspection.** All school buses shall be inspected for compliance with applicable laws and with rules of the Department of Public Safety

[For text of subp 2, see M R]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 169 451*

History: *32 SR 1983*

7470.0700 TABLE OF POINTS TO BE DEDUCTED.

In accordance with part 7470 0600, subparts 1 to 3, defects in the equipment of a school bus listed in the left column will cause the number of points specified in the right column to be deducted from the starting score of 100

Equipment Defect	Points
Tires, front	each 25
Tires, rear	each 25
Exhaust	
Inadequate pipe	25
Leak in system	5
Muffler defective (treat like leak in system)	5
School bus color (multifunctional school activity buses are exempt)	
Not basic yellow	25
Improper trim color	2
Required lettering	
No school bus sign (type A, B, C, or D)	25
Other lettering - nicknames	2
Stop arm (octagonal)	25
Reflective material cracked, scratched, or separated	5
Optional lamps on stop arm	2
Crossover mirror	
Missing or inoperable	25
If only line of vision is distorted, flaking or cracked	5
Headlamps out of adjustment (allow mechanic time to adjust)	5

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Headlamp out	5
Both low beams out	25
One low beam out or either or both high beams out	each 5
Dimmer switch inoperable	5
Turn signals inoperable	25
Eight lamp warning lamp system	
Lamp system not working	25
Eight lamp indicator malfunctioning	10
Indicator lamps	
High beam	2
Turn signals	5
Clearance lamps or optional white strobe lamp	each 1
Rear lamps	
One out	5
Both out	25
Stop lamps (minimum of 2 required)	
Not working	each 15
Auxiliary stop lamp not working	each 2
Backup lamps	5
Brakes - service (foot)	
Not working	25
Hose blistered but no fluid leakage	each hose 5
Brakes - emergency (auxiliary)	25
Defective or no warning horn	25
Rear view mirror	
Interior	15
Exterior	25
Slight crack, discolored or flaking	5
Windshield wipers (not working at all)	25
Wiper blade only	5
One speed not working on left side or the right side not working	10
Windshield glass	10
Steering	25
One kingpin bad (more than 1/2 inch)	15
Two kingpins bad (more than 1/2 inch)	25

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Driver seat belt, missing or not usable	25
Entrance door, out of adjustment	5
Interior lamps	
Step-well	2
Other interior lamps (mention only)	0
First aid kit	
Missing	25
Short supply - per unit missing	1
Fire extinguisher, missing or in inoperable range	15
Flags and flares (electric or reflector) (for up to three missing)	5
Side glass and rear glass - each defect	5
Loose objects interior	each 2
Seats loose (floor mount)	each 5
Seat condition	each 2
Bus interior (cleanliness)	2
Carbon monoxide	25
Emergency exit, inoperable	25
Emergency lettering missing	2
Bad door gasket	5
Speedometer	10
Suspension, main leaf	25
Other than main leaf, 25 percent or more of the remaining leaves broken	25
Other than main leaf, less than 25 percent broken	10
Loose or leaking shocks	10
Wheels	25
One stud nut missing if less than 20 percent of stud nuts on wheel	10
20 percent or more of stud nuts are missing on wheel	25
Body condition	2
Hazardous protuberance or sharp edge	25
Two cross members bad, must be replaced	2
Cross members rusted, to be written up	0
Drive shaft guard	25
Frame	25
Defroster fan or heaters in excess of one in multiple heater buses	each 5

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Battery	10
Body mounting	10
Fuel system	10

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History: *32 SR 1983*

7470.1000 OPERATION OF TYPE A, B, C, D, AND MULTIFUNCTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES.

Subpart 1. **Application.** Parts 7470 1000 to 7470 1700 govern the operation of Type A, B, C, D, and multifunctional school activity buses used for transporting pupils to or from school or school-related activities when the buses are owned and operated by a school district or nonpublic school, or privately owned and operated under a contract or agreement with a school district or nonpublic school.

Subp 2 **Transportation of pupils.** Pupils are not to be evicted from the bus along the route for a breach of discipline. All breaches of discipline must be reported by the bus driver to the authorized person.

The entrance door must be closed at all times when transporting pupils and the bus is in motion.

All buses must load and unload in the right lane of the roadway, at pupil stops on bus routes approved by the authorized person. Loading or unloading in a designated turn lane or in a lane immediately adjacent to a designated right-hand turn lane is prohibited unless the turn lane is a designated school bus stop at which pupils are not required to cross the road. Under these circumstances, the bus must stop at the extreme right-hand side of the turn lane and the eight-light system and stop arm should not be used. Loading and unloading pupils within an intersection is prohibited.

No pupils may be in the bus while the fuel tank is being filled. On leaving the vehicle when pupils are in the bus, the driver shall stop the motor, remove the ignition key, set the brakes, and otherwise render the bus immobile.

The authorized person shall see that no materials, including guns, loaded or unloaded, gasoline cans, empty or full, animals, except companion animals accompanying persons with disabilities, or any other object of a dangerous or objectionable nature are transported in the school bus when pupils are being transported.

[For text of subps 3 and 4, see MR]

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History: *32 SR 1983*

7470.1100 DRIVER OF TYPE A, B, C, D, OR MULTIFUNCTIONAL SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS.

The driver of a type A, B, C, D, or multifunctional school activity bus shall.

A. bring the bus to a full stop and disengage gears by shifting into neutral or park before loading and unloading pupils,

B. use the prewarning amber flashing signals, flashing red signals, and stop signal arm, if equipped, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 169.443,

[For text of items C to F, see MR]

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History: *32 SR 1983*

7470.1400 OPERATION OF TYPE III SCHOOL BUSES.

The operating rules in parts 7470 1000 to 7470 1500 govern the operation of Type III school buses used for transporting pupils when leased, rented, or owned and operated by a school district or nonpublic school, or privately leased, rented, or owned and operated under an agreement with a school district or nonpublic school. Type III school buses are restricted to automobiles, station wagons, and other vehicles having a manufacturer's rated seating capacity of ten or fewer people including the driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 169 449*

History: *32 SR 1983*

7470.1500 DRIVER OF TYPE III BUSES.

The driver of a Type III school bus shall not

[For text of items A to C, see M R]

D load or unload in the right-hand lane of the roadway, designated turn lane, or lane immediately adjacent to a designated right-hand turn lane,

E load or unload so that a pupil has to cross the road, except where not possible or impractical, then the driver or aide shall personally escort the pupil across the road,

F escort a pupil across the road under item E unless the motor is stopped, the ignition key is removed, the brakes are set, and the vehicle is otherwise rendered immobile, or

G load or unload before making a complete stop and disengaging gears by shifting into neutral or park.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 169 449*

History: *32 SR 1983*

7470.1700 DRIVERS AND AIDES FOR PUPILS WITH DISABILITY.

[For text of subp 1, see M R]

Subp. 2 **Information necessary.** Each driver and aide assigned to a vehicle transporting pupils with a disability shall have available to them the following information in hard copy or immediately accessible through a two-way communication system

[For text of items A to D, see M.R]

[For text of subp 3, see M R]

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