Tennessee Department of Education

Pupil Transportation Resources

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Tennessee Departments of Education and Safety
Pre-K-12 Education Pupil Transportation Suggested Resources

The Department of Education rules on all waiver requests from public school officials; coordinates the development of new or revised State Board Rules and Regulations; determines pupil transportation equipment specifications; approve and issues or rejects overload permits; distributes school bus accident, medical examination, annual Statistical Report forms to local school systems; collects, compiles and analyzes all accidents involving school buses; allocates pupil transportation funds to local school systems.

In collaboration with the Tennessee Department of Safety and the Tennessee Association for Pupil Transportation, the Tennessee Department of Education is pleased to offer the Tennessee Pupil Transportation Resources Directory.

Questions regarding pupil transportation issues should be directed to Sam Cameron by phone at 1-423-883-3527 or via email at sam.cameron@tn.gov

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Click the Help Desk and email transportation related questions.

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School Bus Specifications

New & Used School Bus Specifications
School Bus Years/Miles of Service PC 436
National School Bus Specifications & Procedures
Multifunctional School Activity Bus
Commercial Advertising on School Buses

Rules/Regulations/Requirements

Tennessee State Board of Education Regulations
School Bus Driver Physical Examination
Notification of Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse
School Bus Driver Cell Phone Use

Office of Early Learning

Standards for Child Care Centers (Rule 0520-12-1-6 (8) Transportation
Choosing the correct bus for transporting Pre-School age children
Standards for Infant/Toddler, Pre-School and School Age Extended Care
DOE Rules/Guidelines for Pre-K Transportation

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Head Start

45 CFR 1310
Head Start Transportation Knowledge Center
Head Start Transportation Fact Sheet

Special Education

Special Education Minimum Rules & Regulations
Special Education Revised 2008 Manual
34 CFR Parts 300-301
Transporting Oxygen in School Buses

Homeless Education Title X, Part C

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act
Tennessee Homeless Education Program

School Safety

School Safety Center
Policies and Procedures
Bullying and Harassment

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Statistical Data-Reports-Transportation Forms

Click to Access online DOE Annual Statistical Report

The DOE Annual Statistical Report includes an array of information providing the public with statistics about Pupil Transportation in Tennessee. The Sections pertinent to Pupil Transportation are:

(4) Sections of Table 12 and (1) and Table 41

Table 12-A	Table 12B	Table 12C	Table 12D	Table 41
Daily Miles Traveled	Age-Tenure Bus Drivers	Composite Age of Bus Fleet	Advertising on Bus	Expenditures
Bus Fleet Transport Capacity			Communications Two-way	Budgets
Daily Ridership			Surveillance Equipment	
Ownership Contracted Public Owned			Type of Fuel Used	
Driver Sex				
Accidents Injuries Fatalities				
Bus Driver Annual Salary				

LEA End-of-Year Annual Transportation Reporting Template
Accident Reporting Form

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Selected Tennessee Laws relating to Pupil Transportation

Make a note of the code number and click the link below to visit LexisNexis for a compilation of all Tennessee Laws. Education Laws are listed in Title 49.

LexisNexis

49-6-2104-Powers of the Board		**49-6-2111-** School Bus Insurance
49-6-2102-SBOE Rules-Regulations		**49-6-2112-** School Bus Tax exemption
49-6-2103-Transportation Free		**49-6-2113-** Penalty for violations
49-6-2104-Payments in lieu of trans		**49-6-2114-** Persons required to check the bus
49-6-2105-Maximum Time-Transit		**49-6-2115-**Compliance with standards
49-6-2106- Approval of routes		**49-6-2117-** Driver convicted of violation
49-6-2107- Certification of driver		**49-6-2118-** Exiting a school bus
49-6-2107- Certification of Buses		**55-8-151-** Passing a school bus
49-6-2108- Drivers-Physical		**49-13-114-** Charter school transportation
49-6-2109- Equipment-Advertising		**49-11-308-** Charter school transportation
49-6-2110- Safe Operation of buses		**49-6-1016-** Harassment-Bullying on Bus

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Online Resources

Tennessee Association for Pupil Transportation	National Association for Pupil Transportation
Tennessee Transportation Annual Trade Show	National Transportation Association (Bus Contractors
Tennessee School Bus Technician's Workshop	National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
School Bus Fleet Magazine	National Association State Directors of Transportation
School Transportation News	School Bus Information Council
National Congress on School Transportation	A guide to Hiring Charter Transportation
Suggested Policy Audio/Video Bus Surveillance	
Suggested Number of Students Per School Bus Seat	
Suggested Policy School Bus Idling	
Suggested Special Problem Loading Procedure	
Suggested Emergency Weather Plan	
Suggested Bus Rules	
Training Resources Bullying on the School Bus	

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