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 1.423.434.2169 or via email at sam.cameron@tn.gov

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School Bus Specifications

New & Used School Bus Specifications
2009 Revised Years/Miles of Service PC 436
National 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
Suggested Number of Students Per School Bus Seat
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 (Power Point Presentation)
Unaccompanied Youth (Power Point Presentation)

School Safety

School Safety Center
Policies and Procedures
"About Bullying and Harassment"

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Statistical Data-Reports-Transportation Forms

Pupil Transportation Expenditures
Daily Miles-Number of Buses-Accidents
Composite Age of Buses
Age-Tenure of Bus Drivers
2-Way Radios-Advertizing on Buses-Seat Belts
Annual Transportation Report
Accident Reporting Form
Suggested Policy Audio/Video Bus Surveillance
Suggested Policy School Bus Idling
Stop Change Template
Suggested Special Problem Loading Procedure
Suggested Emergency Weather Plan
Suggested Bus Rules
Training Resources Bullying on the School Bus

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Selected Tennessee Laws relating to Pupil Transportation

Make a note of the code number and click here for the full text of the law

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 transportation		**49-6-2114** Persons required to check the bus
49-6-2105 Maximum Time in 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 equipment		**55-8-151** Passing a school bus
49-6-2108 Drivers-Physical Examination		**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

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