

Illinois Professional School Bus Driver Training Curriculum

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Refresher Class

**Minimum of 2 hours
of Instruction Time**



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Introductions

- General Housekeeping items:

- Restrooms
- Please turn off Cell Phones
- Class Format



Introductions

Common Rules of the Road Issues Among the Illinois Professional School Bus Driver





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Where to Start



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Where to Start



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- **Pre – Tripping the bus**



- **Pre – Tripping the bus**

- Each day that a school bus is operated the driver shall conduct a pre-trip inspection of the mechanical and safety equipment on the bus. A person other than the driver may perform portions of the pre-trip inspection as prescribed by administrative rule (Section 13-115 of the Illinois Vehicle Inspection Law).

Pre - Trip



School Bus Drivers's Pre-Trip Inspection Form

School District or Contractor's Name _____

Bus Identification No. _____ Date _____ Time _____

PLEASE CHECK 'S' FOR SATISFACTORY OR 'U' FOR UNSATISFACTORY. CHECK 'N/A' EACH COMPONENT CAREFULLY AND INDIVIDUALLY.

Open Hood and Check:

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| S | U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Washer Fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coolant | <input type="checkbox"/> All Belts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery | <input type="checkbox"/> Wring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Fluid | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Cylinder Brake Fluid | |

S

- | |
|---|
| U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Steering Fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washer Fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Belts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wring |

With Engine Running, Driver Activates All Exterior Lights, Walks Around the Bus and Checks:

- | | |
|--|--|
| S | U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Front Wheel and Tire | <input type="checkbox"/> Front Identification/Cluster Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Marker and Turn Signal | <input type="checkbox"/> Front Right Light Flashing System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Reflectors | <input type="checkbox"/> Front Reflector |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing Control Arm | <input type="checkbox"/> Underside of Chassis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headlights (high/low beams) | <input type="checkbox"/> (Capestar Mirrors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Turn Signal Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Clearance Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Front Wheel and Tire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Identification/Cluster Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's Side Window |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Right Light Flashing System | <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Arm Panel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Reflector | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Marker and Turn Signal Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Reflectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underside of Chassis | <input type="checkbox"/> Side Emergency Door (open/closed) (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (Capestar Mirrors) | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Rear Wheels and Tires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System (tail pipe clear?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Front Wheel and Tire | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Tail Brake Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's Side Window | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Turn Signal Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Arm Panel | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Clearance Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Marker and Turn Signal Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Identification/Cluster Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Reflectors | <input type="checkbox"/> Strobe Lamp (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Side Emergency Door (open/closed) (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Right Light Flashing System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Rear Wheels and Tires | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Reflectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System (tail pipe clear?) | <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Emergency Door (open/closed) (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Tail Brake Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Right Rear Wheels and Tires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Turn Signal Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Tank Filler Cap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Clearance Lights | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Identification/Cluster Lights | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strobe Lamp (if applicable) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Right Light Flashing System | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Reflectors | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Emergency Door (open/closed) (if applicable) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Rear Wheels and Tires | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Tank Filler Cap | |

Signature of Person Performing Above Inspection (if not the Driver) _____ Date _____

Driver Enters Bus and Checks:

- | | |
|---|---|
| S | U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slips | <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Devices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuses (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seats | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat Belts (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Lettering |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Two-way Radio or Authorized Cell Phone |

Record Month and Year displayed on the Joint of the Certificate of Safety _____
 Record Odometer Reading from the Vehicle's Odometer _____
(If this is month and year is after the month and year also displayed on the certificate's information reading is greater than the value recorded on the back of the Certificate of Safety, the Certificate of Safety has expired and is not valid.)

Driver Starts Engine, Activates All Interior Lights and Checks:

- | | |
|---|---|
| S | U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Certificate of Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Check System (Automatic or manual) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steering Wheel | <input type="checkbox"/> Backup Warning Alarm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Wipers/Washers | <input type="checkbox"/> Controls and Indicators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heater and Defogger | <input type="checkbox"/> Ammeter (volts/mv) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Interior Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Gear Shift Lever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horn | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral Safety Switch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Door (open & closed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Temperature Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Mirrors (adjustments) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Visor | <input type="checkbox"/> Return or Air Pressure Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Exit (window/door) | <input type="checkbox"/> Odometer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Exit Alarms | <input type="checkbox"/> Switches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clutch (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's Seat Belt |

Drive Bus Forward and Apply Brakes:

- | | |
|--|----------|
| S | U |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service and Emergency Brake Operation | |

REMARKS _____

Signature of Driver _____

Signature of Mechanic Making Report/Adjustments _____

Date Repairs/Adjustments Completed _____

Pre - Trip



School Bus Drivers's Pre-Trip Inspection Form

School District or Contractor's Name _____ Date _____ Time _____

Bus Identification No. _____
 PLEASE CHECK 'S' FOR SATISFACTORY OR 'U' FOR UNSATISFACTORY. CHECK 'U' EACH COMPONENT CAREFULLY AND INDIVIDUALLY.

Open Hood and Check:

- Oil
- Coolant
- Battery
- Transmission Fluid
- Master Cylinder Brake Fluid

S U

- Power Steering Fluid
- Washer Fluid
- All Belts
- Wiping

With Engine Running, Driver Activates All Exterior Lights, Walks Around the Bus and Checks:

S U

- Right Front Wheel and Tire
- Right Side Marker and Turn Signal
- Right Side Reflectors
- Right Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors
- Crossing Control Arm
- Headlights (high/low beams)
- Front Turn Signal Lights
- Front Clearance Lights
- Front Identification/Cluster Lights
- Front Right Light Flashing System
- Front Reflectors
- Windshield
- Underside of Chassis
- Chassis Mounts
- Left Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors
- Left Rear Wheel and Tire
- Driver's Side Window
- Stop Arm Panel
- Left Side Marker and Turn Signal Lights
- Left Side Reflectors
- Side Emergency Door (open/close if applicable)
- Left Rear Wheels and Tires
- Exhaust System (tail pipe clear?)
- Rear Tail Brake Lights
- Rear Turn Signal Lights
- Rear Clearance Lights
- Rear Identification/Cluster Lights
- Strobe Lamp (if applicable)
- Rear Light Flashing System
- Rear Reflectors
- Rear Emergency Door (open/close if applicable)
- Right Rear Wheels and Tires
- Fuel Tank Release Cap

Signature of Person Performing Above Inspection, if not the Driver/Date _____

Driver Enters Bus and Checks:

S U

- Brakes
- Cleanliness
- Seats
- Seat Belts (if applicable)
- Windows

S U

- Warning Devices
- Fuses (if applicable)
- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Lettering
- Two-way Radio or Authorized Cell Phone

Record Month and Year displayed on the both of the Certificate of Safety _____

Record Odometer Reading from the Vehicle's Odometer: _____
(Today's month and year is after the month and year later than above or if inspector's odometer reading is greater than the state record on the back of the Certificate of Safety, the Certificate of Safety has expired and must be replaced.)

Driver Starts Engine, Activates All Interior Lights and Checks:

S U

- Valid Certificate of Safety
- Steering Wheel
- Windshield Wipers/Washers
- Holes and Deflector
- All Interior Lights
- Horn
- Service Door (open & close)
- All Mirrors (adjustments)
- Sun Visor
- Emergency Exits (windward/board)
- Emergency Exits Alarms
- Clutch (if applicable)

S U

- Child Check System (electronic or manual)
- Braking Warning Alarm
- Controls and Indicators
- Anemeter (footmeter)
- Gear Shift Lever
- Neutral Safety Switch
- Water Temperature Gauge
- Fuel Gauge
- Vacuum or Air Pressure Gauge
- Odometer
- Switches
- Driver's Seat Belt

Drive Bus Forward and Apply Brakes:

S U

- Service and Emergency Brake Operation

REMARKS _____

Signature of Driver _____

Signature of Mechanic Making Report/Adjustments _____

Date Repairs/Adjustments Completed _____

Pre - Trip





Pre - Trip

BOUND EDGE

School Bus Drivers's Pre-Trip Inspection Form

School District or Contractor's Name _____

Bus Identification No. 10 Date 10/15/12 Time _____

PLEASE CHECK 'S' FOR SATISFACTORY OR 'U' FOR UNSATISFACTORY. CHECK EACH COMPONENT CAREFULLY AND INDIVIDUALLY.

Open Hood and Check:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil | <input type="checkbox"/> Power Steering Fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coolant | <input type="checkbox"/> Washer Fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battery | <input type="checkbox"/> All Belts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission Fluid | <input type="checkbox"/> Wiring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Master Cylinder Brake Fluid | |

With Engine Running, Driver Activates All Exterior Lights, Walks Around the Bus and Checks:

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Front Wheel and Tire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Marker and Turn Signal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Reflectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crossing Control Arm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headlights (high/low beams) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Turn Signal Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Clearance Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Identification/Cluster Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Light Flashing System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Reflectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underside of Chassis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chokeover Mirror(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Front Wheel and Tire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drivers Side Window |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Arm Panel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Marker and Turn Signal Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Side Reflectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Side Emergency Door (open/close) if applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Rear Wheels and Tires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System (oil pipe area 1') |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Tail Brake Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Turn Signal Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Clearance Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Identification/Cluster Lights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strobe Lamp (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Light Flashing System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Reflectors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rear Emergency Door (open/close) if applicable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Rear Wheels and Tires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Tank Filler Cap |

Signature of Person Performing Above Inspection if not the Driver/Date _____

Driver Enters Bus and Checks:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steps | <input type="checkbox"/> Warning Devices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuses (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seats | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat Belts (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Extinguisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windows | <input type="checkbox"/> Latching |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Two-way Radio or Authorized Cell Phone |

Record Month and Year Issued on the Left of the Certificate of Safety
5/12
 Record Odometer Reading from the Vehicle Odometer
 If this is month and year is not the month and year when the vehicle's
 odometer reading is greater than 100,000 record on the back of the Certificate of Safety
 the Certificate of Safety has expired and not valid.

Driver Starts Engine, Activates All Interior Lights and Checks:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Valid Certificate of Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Check System (electronic or manual) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steering Wheel | <input type="checkbox"/> Braking Warning Alarm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Windshields Wipers/Washers | <input type="checkbox"/> Corrosion and Indicators |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heater and Defogger | <input type="checkbox"/> Ammeter (voltmeter) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Interior Lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Gear Shift Lever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horn | <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral Safety Switch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Door (open & close) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Temperature Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All Mirrors (adjustments) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun Visor | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacuum or Air Pressure Gauge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Exit (WARNING: DO NOT USE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Odometer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Exit Alarms | <input type="checkbox"/> Switches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catch of applicability | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's Seat Belt |

Drive Bus Forward and Apply Brakes:

- | |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service and Emergency Brake Operation |
|--|

REMARKS _____

 Signature of Driver _____
 Signature of Mechanic Making Report/Adjustments _____
 Date Report/Adjustments Completed _____





Pre - Trip

BOUND EDGE

School Bus Drivers's Pre-Trip Inspection Form

School District or Contractor's Name CUSD # ABC
 Bus Identification No. 10 Date XX/XX/XX Time 6:30 AM
 PLEASE CHECK 'Y' FOR SATISFACTORY OR 'N' FOR UNSATISFACTORY. CHECK 'V' FOR EACH COMPONENT CAREFULLY AND INDIVIDUALLY.

Open Hood and Check:

- S U
- Oil
 - Coolant
 - Battery
 - Transmission Fluid
 - Master Cylinder Brake Fluid

- S U
- Power Steering Fluid
 - Washer Fluid
 - All Belts
 - Wiring

With Engine Running, Driver Activates All Exterior Lights, Walks Around the Bus and Checks:

- S U
- Right Front Wheel and Tire
 - Right Side Marker and Turn Signal
 - Right Side Reflectors
 - Right Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors
 - Crossing Control Arm
 - Headlights (high/low beams)
 - Front Turn Signal Lights
 - Front Clearance Lights
 - Front Identification/Custer Lights
 - Front Eight Light Flashing System
 - Front Reflectors
 - Windshield
 - Underside of Chassis
 - Crossover Mirrors
 - Left Side Rear View and Safety Mirrors
 - Left Front Wheel and Tire
 - Driver's Side Window
 - Stop Arm Panel
 - Left Side Marker and Turn Signal Lights
 - Left Side Reflectors
 - Side Emergency Door (operational if applicable) **NA**
 - Left Rear Wheels and Tires
 - Exhaust System (all pipe clear?)
 - Rear Tail/Brake Lights
 - Rear Turn Signal Lights
 - Rear Clearance Lights
 - Rear Identification/Custer Lights
 - Strobe Lamp (if applicable)
 - Rear Eight Light Flashing System
 - Rear Reflectors
 - Rear Emergency Door (operational if applicable)
 - Right Rear Wheels and Tires
 - Fuel Tank Filler Cap

Signature of Person Performing Above Inspection if not the Driver/Date _____

Driver Enters Bus and Checks:

- S U
- Steps
 - Cleanliness
 - Seats
 - Seat Belts (if applicable)
 - Windows

- S U
- Warning Devices
 - Fuses (if applicable)
 - First Aid Kit
 - Fire Extinguisher
 - Labeling
 - Two-way Radio or Authorized Cell Phone

Record Month and Year displayed on the front of the Certificate of Safety 10/14
 Record Odometer Reading from the Vehicle's Odometer 54182
If today's month and year is after the month and year recorded above on the vehicle's odometer reading is greater than 99 miles, recorded on the back of the Certificate of Safety for inspection reference.

Driver Starts Engine, Activates All Interior Lights and Checks:

- S U
- Valid Certificate of Safety
 - Steering Wheel
 - Windshield Wipers/Washers
 - Heater and Defroster
 - All Interior Lights
 - Horn
 - Service Door (open & close)
 - All Mirrors (adjustment)
 - Sun Visor
 - Emergency Exits (windows/roofs)
 - Emergency Exits Alarms
 - First Aid Kit (if applicable) **NA**

- S U
- Child Check System (electronic or manual)
 - Baking Warning Alarm
 - Controls and Indicators
 - Ammeter (optional)
 - Gear Shift Lever
 - Neutral Safety Switch
 - Water Temperature Gauge
 - Fuel Gauge **NA**
 - Odometer
 - Switches
 - Driver's Seat Belt

REMARKS _____

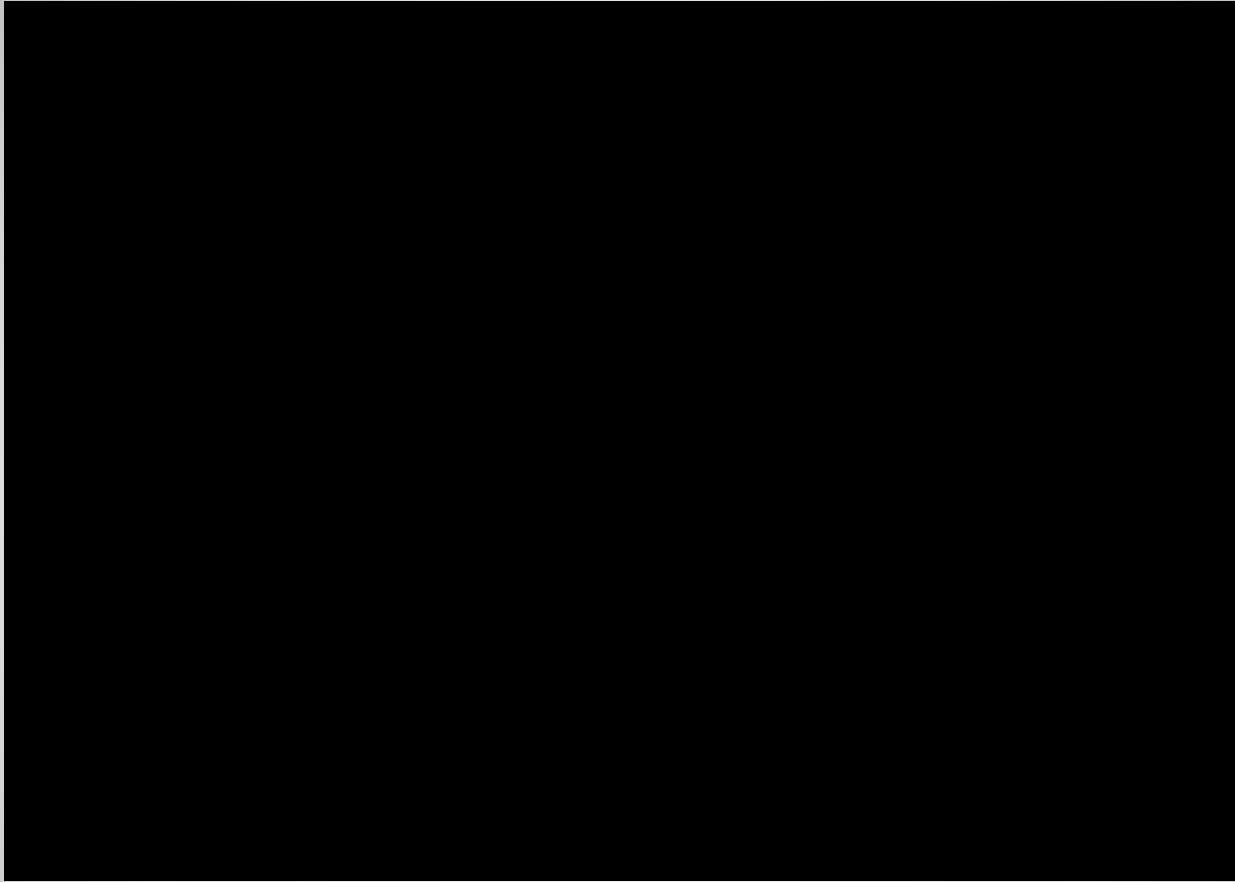
 Signature of Driver _____
 Signature of Mechanic Making Report/Adjustments _____
 Date Repairs/Adjustments Completed _____



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- Pre – Tripping the bus.
- **Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion and not properly seated.**





**Moving about while bus is
in motion**



Loading Passengers

6. g. Students are to use the handrail when boarding. They are to go directly to their seats and be **seated before the bus moves**. All students must be properly seated and not obstructing your view before you can safely move your bus. Once seated, students should **never change seats or move around in the bus while it is moving**.

Instruction to School Bus Riders

7. Do not leave your seat while the bus is in motion.

Moving about while the bus is in motion





Close the service door as soon as possible after students are seated. Never move the bus with the door open.



ALL Students Must Be **SEATED** properly **before** moving the bus



Do not exceed the legal capacity

Properly Seated





Loading front to back could
reduce accident and injury
risk



Students MUST be properly
seat to avoid injury...
"Back - to - back"
"Seat - to seat"
"Tushy on the cushy where
it is nice a squishy."

Properly Seated



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- Pre – Tripping the bus.
- Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion and not properly seated.
- **Strobe Light Usage**



Make Sure You are Seen

2. If the bus is equipped with a strobe light, the strobe light may be lighted **only to alert motorists to the presence of a school bus**. Public Act 95-0319, effective August 21, 2007, allows the strobe light on a school bus to be illuminated at any time a bus is being used as a school bus and is bearing one or more pupils(625 ILCS 5/12-815)



Strobe Light



But...

- The issue is when it is used **all the time for no reason.**
- The intent of this device is to **warn surrounding motorists** of your deviation from normal practices. i.e. – any time you are decreasing your speed because of fog, heavy rain, snow storm, etc, or need extra attention, like backing up.



Strobe Light



But...

- **Think of it this way** – If all the police cars, fire trucks, and ambulances drove around with their lights and sirens on all the time, when there was a real emergency, **NO ONE would take notice and could care less.**
- **The school bus industry does not want that to happen to school buses.** As we all know motorists don't like, nor pay attention to school buses anyway, and we need any device available to use in these unusual situations.

Strobe Light



But...

- Use your strobe light accordingly. -
NOT ALL THE TIME!



Strobe Light



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- Pre – Tripping the bus.
- Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion.
- Strobe Light Usage
- **Speeding**



Speed Limit

- The legal speed limit for a school bus is the **same as an automobile** (625 ILCS 5/11-601 (f) (1)).
- However, because of the size and weight of any school bus, it **requires a greater distance for stopping than a regular passenger vehicle.**
 - 1. Adjust your speed for the time of day, vehicle size, passenger load and proximity to students. Remember braking distance is affected by the size of your vehicle and load, and students are often unpredictable.



Speed Limit

2. Reduce your speed to **compensate for weather and/or road conditions**
3. The posted speed limit is the maximum you can drive your school bus. This **includes the school zone** when arriving and departing from a school attendance area at the beginning and ending of your routes.



Speed Limit

Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- Pre – Tripping the bus.
- Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion and properly seated.
- Strobe Light Usage
- Speeding
- **Driving through water**



Flash Floods – Never drive through water



Driving in water

Flash Floods – Never drive through water



Driving in water



Flash Floods – Never drive through water



Driving in water



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- Pre – Tripping the bus.
- Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion and properly seated.
- Strobe Light Usage
- Speeding
- Driving through water
- **Proper Loading / Unloading**



Make Sure You Are Seen

- Illinois Law (625ILCS 5/11-1414) requires that you activate the stop-signal arm and the eight-way flashing system whenever you stop to pick up or discharge students



Activate 8-ways as prescribed by Law!

Loading / Unloading



Stop Location

- You have **no legal right** to put the student off the bus, except at the student's regular bus stop or at school.
- The **driver shall not allow** a student to get off the bus at any place other than the student's **designated discharge point** unless written permission is granted by the proper school official.

Loading / Unloading



Stop Location



Seldom Late and
Never Early on
your Route

**Count Them On, Count
Them Safe**



Cross Arm must be
functional by Law



Use the
Handrails

Loading / Unloading



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

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- Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion and properly seated.
- Strobe Light Usage
- Speeding
- Driving through water
- Proper Loading / Unloading
- **Stop Line / Lane Usage / Following Distance**



Stop Sign

- An eight-sided (octagon) sign tells a driver to **always make a FULL STOP at the stop line**. If there is no stop line, the driver should stop before entering the crosswalk. If there is no crosswalk, the driver should stop before entering the intersection.



Stop Sign



White Stop Line

- A white stop line is painted across a lane at an intersection. The line is usually 4 feet before the crosswalk in an urban area. It shows where a driver must stop the vehicle for a stop sign or red light. **A driver cannot stop the vehicle before any part of it crosses the line.**



Stop Line

Left Lane

- When driving on an interstate highway or full access controlled freeway, **a driver may not drive in the left lane(s), except when passing another vehicle.**



Lane Usage

Four Second Rule

- The actual distance will vary with speed, and when road surface traction is reduced, the time should be increased accordingly.
 - (1) Choose a reference point ahead of the vehicle that the bus is following.
 - (2) When the vehicle you are following passes the chosen reference point, begin to count -- **“one thousand and one, one thousand and two, etc. . . up to four seconds.”**
 - (3) You are too close to the vehicle in front of you if you reach the reference point before you counted a full four seconds.



Following Distance

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- Strobe Light Usage
- Speeding
- Driving through water
- Proper Loading / Unloading
- Stop Line / Lane Usage / Following Distance
- **RxR Crossing**



- Must stop at ALL RXR whether carrying passengers or not
- **Required silence** when approaching RXR
- **Activate Hazard lights** (you are creating a hazard) at least 100 ft in an urban area and 200 ft in a rural area
- **Scan the surroundings**
- **Stop between 50 and not less than 15 feet of the nearest rail**

RxR Crossing

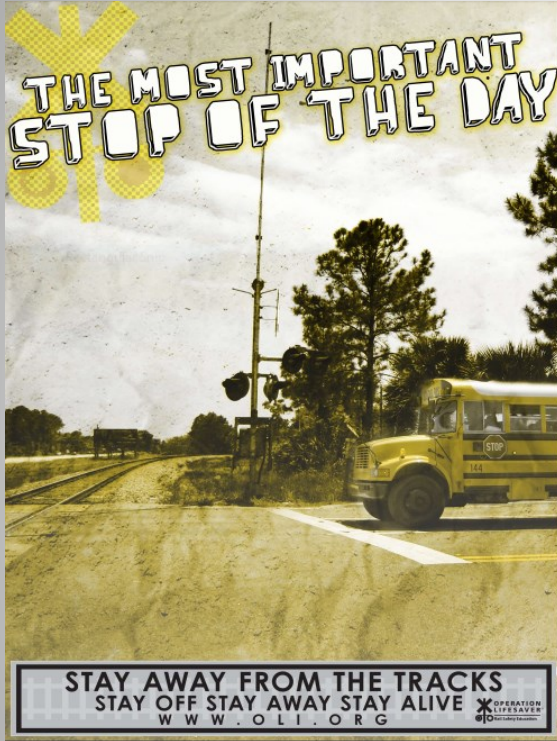


- Look and Listen
 - **Open driver's window**
 - **Neutral with parking brake set**
 - **Open service door**
 - **Never** allow a student to leave the bus
 - Driver shall **Never** leave the bus to check for trains
- **No person shall drive any vehicle through, around or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while such gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.**

RxR Crossing



Operation Lifesaver



Manage Your Route To School Safely

School Bus Drivers:

As the driver, you have the premiere safety seat on the bus. It is your job to ensure the safety of your young riders. When planning the route - avoid railroad crossings whenever possible.

When you do cross the tracks, follow this Safety Route Reminder:

- 1 **Advance Warning**
This sign tells you to slow down - tracks ahead.
- 2 **Check Traffic Behind**
Engage bus' parking lights, pull out of lane, if necessary. (follow your school district's policies)
- 3 **Prepare Bus**
Quiet students before stopping, turn off radio and fan.
- 4 **Stop Bus**
Stop at least 15 ft from crossing, further back if necessary.
- 5 **Look & Listen**
For train in both directions. Open door, window to listen. Doubletake before crossing.
- 6 **GO!**
If no trains are in sight - move out!



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This message is brought to you by Operation Lifesaver, Inc. For more information on keeping your children safe while riding aboard the bus, visit our website.

★★ THE MATCHUP ★★
THAT DOESN'T ADD UP.

BUS
16 TONS
CARRYING OUR MOST PRECIOUS CARGO, OUR CHILDREN

VS

TRAIN
6,000 TONS
OF SOLID BUILT AMERICAN STEEL

IT'S NO CONTEST.

Each day, at every crossing, school bus drivers must protect our children.

OPERATION LIFESAVER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN RAILROADS

THINK TRAIN

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RxR Crossing



Trains Always Have the Right of Way



RxR Crossing



Common Rules of the road Issues among Illinois Professional School Bus Driver

- Pre – Tripping the bus.
- Passengers - Moving about the bus while the bus is in motion and properly seated.
- Strobe Light Usage
- Speeding
- Driving through water
- Proper Loading / Unloading
- Stop Line / Lane Usage / Following Distance
- RxR Crossing

Review



Illinois Professional School Bus Driver Training Curriculum

www.isbe.net/Documents/busdriver_trainmanual.pdf



Thank you!

Have a
GREAT & SAFE
year on your
school bus!

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