

(i) Any and all defects and deficiencies noted on the “out-of-service” notice shall be corrected. The driver’s failure to comply with (h) above shall not excuse the operator from taking appropriate action to correct defects and deficiencies which come to his or her attention by any means whatsoever.

Amended by R.1996 d.28, effective January 16, 1996.
See: 27 N.J.R. 4140(a), 28 N.J.R. 272(a).
Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.
See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).
Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.
See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted “Motor Vehicle Commission” for “Division” and “Chief Administrator” for “Director” throughout; and in (g), substituted “Motor Vehicle Commission’s” for “Division’s”.

Amended by R.2012 d.023, effective February 6, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 1831(a), 44 N.J.R. 287(b).

Rewrote (d); and in (f), inserted “, or a designee,” “on a form prescribed by the Chief Administrator” and the last sentence.

Amended by R.2013 d.061, effective April 15, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 2276(a), 45 N.J.R. 945(a).

Rewrote (f).

13:20-30.6 Inspection of damaged school buses

(a) An operator shall not permit or require a driver to operate, nor shall any driver operate a school bus that has been damaged in an accident or by any other cause until an inspection has been performed by a person qualified to ascertain the nature and extent of the damage and such person has determined that the school bus is in safe and proper operating condition.

(b) An operator shall notify the Motor Vehicle Commission’s School Bus Inspection Unit within 72 hours of any accident involving a school bus that has resulted in mechanical damage to such school bus sufficient to require the school bus to be towed from the scene of the accident.

Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted “Motor Vehicle Commission’s” for “Division’s” in (b).

13:20-30.7 Daily school bus condition report by driver

(a) Every operator shall require his or her drivers to report, and every driver shall prepare such a report in writing or via a Commission-approved electronic device at the beginning of his or her workday or tour of duty, which report shall list any defects or deficiencies of the school bus discovered by the driver as would be likely to affect the safe operation of the school bus or result in its mechanical breakdown, or shall indicate that no such defects or deficiencies were discovered by him or her. A sample of the “Driver Daily Report” form that may be used for submitting the driver daily report can be found on the Motor Vehicle Commission website at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Inspections/SchoolBus.htm>. Similar forms containing the required information or electronic devices may be used to report daily school bus condition upon prior approval by the Commission.

(b) The daily school bus condition report shall include, but not be limited to, the driver’s name and signature, the date and time the report was prepared, bus identifying information, and an assessment of safety, mechanical, and equipment components, including the following:

1. The driver’s name, printed and signed by the driver, date, time report was prepared and time the report was submitted to the owner, school bus registration plate number, school bus number assigned by the operator, and mileage;
2. Mirror system, including the proper adjustment thereof;
3. Service brakes;
4. Parking brake;
5. Gauges and warning devices;
6. Steering mechanism;
7. Lights and reflectors;
8. Tires;
9. Wheels, rims, and lug nuts;
10. Glazing;
11. Windshield wipers and washer;
12. Fluid leaks;
13. Visible damage;
14. Horn;
15. Exhaust system;
16. Emergency equipment;
17. Emergency exits, windows, and roof hatches;
18. Seats, including seat belts, seat mounting, and the condition thereof;
19. Special transportation equipment for special needs passengers;
20. School bus warning equipment; and
21. Exterior damage.

(c) An operator or operator’s designee shall examine such reports and shall repair the defects or deficiencies noted therein. An operator or operator’s designee shall certify on the report that the defects or the deficiencies have been repaired. The operator or operator’s designee shall sign the report to acknowledge that he or she has reviewed the report and that there is a certification that the required repairs have been performed.

Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).

Rewrote (a); added a new (b); recodified former (b) as (c) and rewrote the paragraph.

Amended by R.2005 d.24, effective January 18, 2005.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5483(a), 37 N.J.R. 321(a).

In (c), deleted the last sentence.

Amended by R.2012 d.023, effective February 6, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 1831(a), 44 N.J.R. 287(b).

In (a), inserted "or electronically", and the last sentence; rewrote (b)1 and (b)19; in (b)18, deleted "and" from the end; and added (b)20.

Amended by R.2013 d.061, effective April 15, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 2276(a), 45 N.J.R. 945(a).

Rewrote (a) and the introductory paragraph of (b); in (b)19, deleted "and" from the end; in (b)20, substituted "; and" for a period at the end; added (b)21; and in (c), inserted the first and second occurrences of "or operator's designee" and substituted "operator or operator's designee" for "driver".

13:20-30.8 Required practices

(a) Specific equipment shall be inspected and maintained at least once every three months or as set forth in the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule, whichever occurs first; the results of the inspections shall be reported on the "Quarterly Maintenance Inspection" form, which can be found on the Motor Vehicle Commission website at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Inspections/SchoolBus.htm>, or on another form upon prior approval by the Commission. The specific equipment to be inspected and maintained shall include:

1. All brakelines, linings and components;
2. Drive lines;
3. Doors, aisles and seats;
4. Tires, wheels and flaps;
5. Springs;
6. Emergency equipment;
7. Fuel system;
8. Cooling system;
9. Lighting devices, horns and mirrors;
10. Transmission;
11. Steering equipment;
12. Axles and steering assemblies;
13. Clutch;
14. Exhaust system;
15. Glazing and wipers;
16. Mirror system adjustment, including the proper adjustment thereof in accordance with the school bus mirror test procedure set forth in FMVSS No. 111 (49 CFR 571.111), incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented; and
17. Safety equipment required by Federal law or rule, New Jersey statute, or Motor Vehicle Commission rule.

Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).

In (a), rewrote the introductory paragraph, substituted "linings and components" for "lining" in 1, deleted "system" in 10, substituted "steering" for "the tie rod" in 12, added a new 16, recodified former 16 as 17 and rewrote the paragraph.

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted "Motor Vehicle Commission" for "Division" in (a)17.

Amended by R.2012 d.023, effective February 6, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 1831(a), 44 N.J.R. 287(b).

Rewrote the introductory paragraph of (a).

Amended by R.2013 d.061, effective April 15, 2013.

See: 44 N.J.R. 2276(a), 45 N.J.R. 945(a).

Rewrote the introductory paragraph of (a); and in (a)16, deleted "§" preceding "571.111".

13:20-30.9 Standards

All equipment subject to inspection shall meet the standards for the applicable date of manufacture now or hereafter prescribed by Federal law or rule, New Jersey statute, or Motor Vehicle Commission rule. A vendor who sells or leases a school bus for the transportation of children shall issue a "Vendor Certification Statement" to the buyer or lessee, signed by an authorized agent or officer of the company, certifying that the school bus meets all Federal and State standards. The "Vendor Certification Statement" shall identify the school bus by make, model, year, and vehicle identification number. The vendor shall also file a copy of the "Vendor Certification Statement" with the Commission's Bus Inspection Unit at the time of inspection. It is the sole responsibility of the buyer or lessee to insure that the school bus meets all Federal and State standards.

Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted "Motor Vehicle Commission" for "Division".

Amended by R.2012 d.023, effective February 6, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 1831(a), 44 N.J.R. 287(b).

Inserted ", for the applicable model year," and the last four sentences.

Amended by R.2012 d.186, effective November 5, 2012.

See: 44 N.J.R. 1188(a), 44 N.J.R. 2906(c).

Deleted a comma following "meet the standards", substituted "date of manufacture" for "model year," and inserted a comma following "statute" and "year".

13:20-30.10 (Reserved)

Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).

In (a), substituted "operator shall" for "owner or lessee must" preceding "certify", "prescribed by the Director, that he or she has" for "prescribed that he has" preceding "inspected" and "his or her school buses in conformity with" for "his vehicles in conformity to".

Amended by R.2006 d.249, effective July 3, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 386(b), 38 N.J.R. 2835(a).

Substituted "Chief Administrator" for "Director" two times in (a).

Repealed by R.2012 d.023, effective February 6, 2012.

See: 43 N.J.R. 1831(a), 44 N.J.R. 287(b).

Section was "Certification".

13:20-30.11 Penalties

Any operator who violates any provision of this subchapter may be subject to the suspension or revocation of his or her New Jersey school bus registration privileges.

Amended by R.2003 d.36, effective January 21, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 829(a), 35 N.J.R. 450(a).