

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Department of Education

Article 38.—School Bus Transportation

91-38-7. Driver's duties and responsibilities.

(a) Each school transportation provider shall inspect a school vehicle before its use to ascertain that the vehicle is in a safe condition and equipped as required by law, and that all required equipment is in working order. The school transportation provider shall document each inspection.

(b) If any defect is discovered, students shall not be transported in the vehicle until the defect is corrected.

(c) Documentation of the inspections of each school vehicle shall be kept on file for at least one year following the vehicle inspection.

(d) A school transportation provider shall not drive a school vehicle for more than 10 consecutive hours or for more than a total of 10 hours in any 15-hour period.

(e) Each school transportation provider shall ensure that all doors are closed before the vehicle is put into motion and remain closed while the vehicle is moving.

(f) Each school transportation provider shall ensure that openings for the service door, emergency exits, and aisles are kept clear of any obstructions.

(g) Each school transportation provider shall utilize the driver's safety belt at all times while the vehicle is in motion.

(h) If the school transportation provider leaves the driver's seat, the parking brake shall be set, the motor turned off, and the keys removed. However, drivers of specially equipped buses may leave the motor running to operate a power lift after setting the parking brake.

(i) If a school vehicle is refueled during any trip when passengers are being transported, the school transportation provider shall unload all passengers from the vehicle and turn off the vehicle's motor before beginning refueling procedures. Fuel shall not be transported in any manner, except in the vehicle's fuel tank.

(j) Following the completion of any trip, each school transportation provider shall perform a walk-through inspection of the school bus or activity bus, or a visual check of the school passenger vehicle, that the provider was driving, to ensure that all passengers have disembarked.

(k) A driver of a school bus or activity bus shall not tow any trailer or other vehicle with the bus, while any passenger is on the bus.

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