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PUBLICATIONS

SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION MANUAL

CONSTRUCTIONS STANDARDS

APPROVED OPTION LIST

# OUR #1 GOAL

Make sure each bus meets Ohio standards and is safe for the children.

# Ohio Revised Code

- 4511.76A The department of public safety... shall adopt & enforce rules relating to the construction, design, & equipment... (3301-83-11 OAC)
- 4511.76B The department of education... shall adopt and enforce rules... used for pupil transportation.
- 4511.76C No person shall... in violation of the rules of the department of education or the department of public safety. No person... shall permit the operation of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state in violation of the rules of the department of education or the department of public safety.

# RULES

- Ohio Pupil Transportation
  - Operation and Safety Rules
- School Bus Manual
- Construction Standards
- Approved Option List







Ohio Pupil Transportation

OPERATION AND SAFETY RULES

Effective Date July 2013



OAC 3301-83-20 (M) Except in cases of extreme-emergency, cellular telephones, including hands-free and wireless devices, or other portable communication devices shall not be used by the driver while the school bus is in motion or while the driver is supervising the loading or unloading of students.

# Safe Driving Habits

- Anticipate other drivers actions
- Distractions
- Following distance
- Mirrors
- Passengers
- Passing
- Seat belt
- Speed
- Turns and turn signals



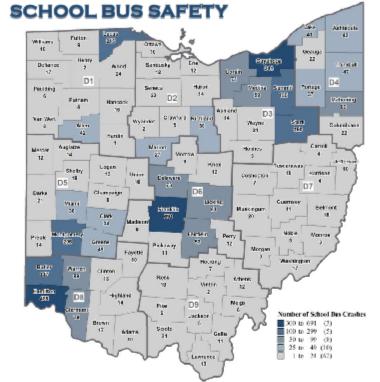
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#### TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN





Map and Table: 2015-2017
Statewide Motor Vehicle Crash

Involving a School Bus	
OSHP District	Number of Crashes
District 1	355
District 2	147
District 3	821
District 4	291
District 5	441
District 6	921
District 7	118
District 8	842
District 9	100
Total	4,036

#### School Bus Inspections

 Ohio law requires that OSHP conduct school bus inspections for the state. Every bus used to transport pupils is inspected before the beginning of each school year and once randomly during the year. From 2015-2017, OSHP performed 121,172 such inspections, an average of 40,391 per year.

#### Passing Stopped School Buses

- Motorists approaching a school bus from either direction should remember they are required to stop
  at least 10 feet back from buses displaying red flashing lights and an extended stop arm. Drivers may
  not resume driving until the school bus begins moving.
- From 2015-2017, 4,198 drivers<sup>1</sup> were convicted of failing to stop for a school bus that was loading or dropping off passengers. OSHP troopers wrote 1,734 such citations during that time.

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Source: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles. 2015-2017. "Non-Commercial Driver Record Conviction Totals By County." School buses with 16 or more seats only.

# Pre-Trip Inspections

- Why are they important?
- Who is responsible for them? (OAC 3301-83-11)
- What school bus parts should a driver look at?
  - There are over 93 points that should be inspected.
- What happens if a driver fails to complete a proper Pre-Trip inspection?





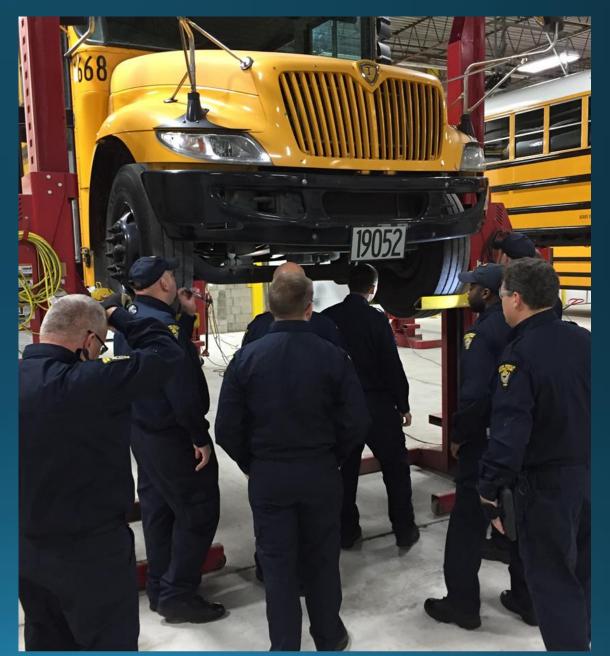
# OSP - 5 Types Of Inspections

- Annual -All administrators are responsible for having buses ready for inspection.
- Spot A minimum of one spot inspection shall be conducted on each bus during the school year. The same procedure shall be used regarding the completion of the HP-32 as with the annual inspection.
- New
- Special
- Crash

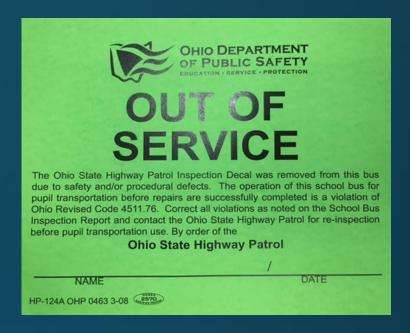


# Inspection process

- Exterior
- Engine compartment
- Undercarriage
- Driver area
- There are just under 200 points that an Inspector will look at during an inspection of your school bus.

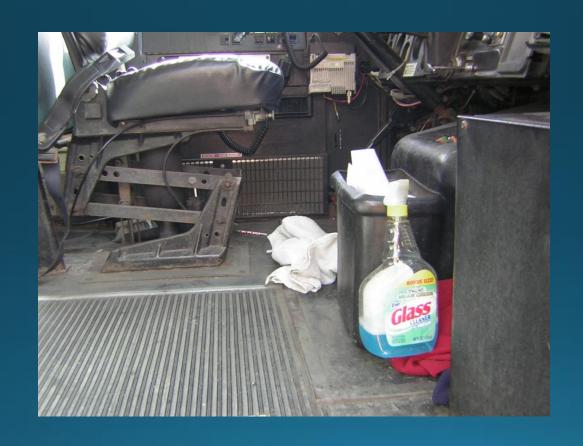


### OOS vs Violation



- OUT OF SERVICE The bus SHALL NOT be used for the transportation of pupils.
- Violations A violation occurs when the bus does not meet the requirements described in the Inspection Manual and/or the Ohio School Bus Construction Standards.

Limited cleaning supplies are permitted but store out of reach of the children.





### This is an example of a split seat foam

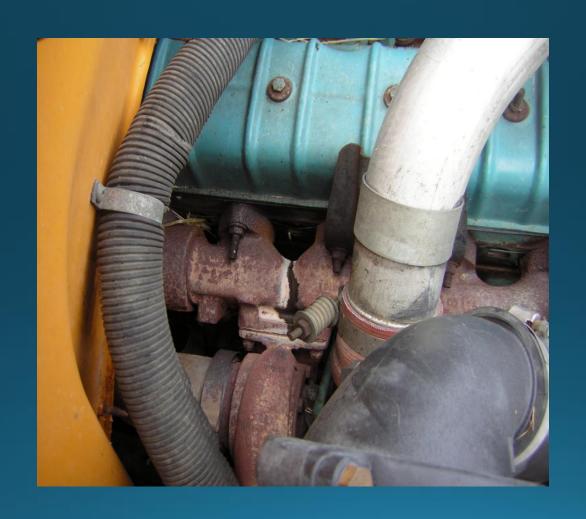




A cracked exhaust manifold. This bus was operating when this was discovered



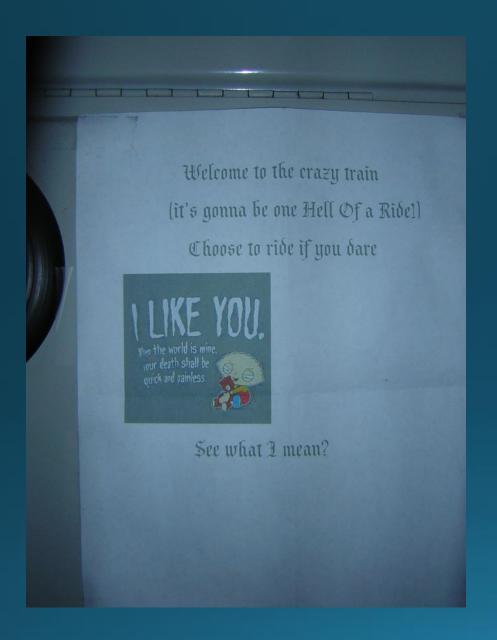
This bus also has a birds nest by the firewall.



### At least the flammable item is next to the fire extinguisher.

### THIS NOT OKAY!!!!!





### The little square says:

I like you.
When the world is mine,
your death shall be
quick and painless.

# A thorough pre-trip could have prevented this. DO IT !!!!!



