

Regulation

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Responsible Office: TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE

A. PURPOSE

To establish procedures for school bus maintenance to enhance student safety when being transported to and from school and on school sponsored activities.

B. BACKGROUND

All school buses used to transport Anne Arundel County Public School students must comply with all inspection requirements promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), and COMAR.

C. PROCEDURES

1. Contractor owned school buses are required to comply with federal, state and local requirements in maintaining their buses in the proper condition without cost to the school system.
2. Every school bus will be inspected at least three times a year by a designee of the Superintendent. Every school bus will be inspected at least once a year by MVA.
3. In addition to the three regular scheduled inspections, the Superintendent or his/her designee may require other inspections of individual buses at any time as may be necessary for the safe transportation of students.
4. If an additional inspection is required due to poor operation, or the mechanical condition of the school bus is in question, the cost of the inspection will be charged to the contractor.
5. The Superintendent or his/her designee has the right to require a new bus or new equipment to replace an existing bus or equipment when either a bus or equipment is deemed as being unsafe or unsuitable for a route. When such new equipment is placed in service, the bus owner will have the privilege of renewing the contract for a period of six years.

6. The maximum period of service for a school bus transporting school children will be 12 years, subject to the approval of the Maryland State Department of Education.

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