

Seat Belts

The NJSBA believes that local districts should continue to have the option of installing seat belts in Type I School Buses properly equipped for the addition of seat belts. *[Authority: DA 12/90-3, DA 5/96-SR, DA 5/99-CR (School Finance), DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Vehicular Safety Features

- A. **The NJSBA believes** the state should continue to improve the following criteria for pupil transportation: all school buses be painted the National School Bus color of yellow; driver training be required; swing arms/bumper sensors be installed; Mechanic training; and bus aide training.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that motorists must stop a minimum of twenty-five feet behind a school bus that has stopped to receive or discharge a child and agrees that vehicle identification alone is sufficient to charge the owner of a vehicle guilty of passing a stopped school bus. Motorists should be fined \$100 for a first-time offense.
- C. **The NJSBA believes** Type II school vehicles should be painted school bus yellow and equipped with red flashing lights in accordance with the most recent regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation. The cost of renovating the vehicles should be assumed by the New Jersey Department of Education or by another state or federal reimbursement program. *[Authority: DA 12/73-15, DA 5/74-8, 9, DA 12/77-14, DA 6/80-10, DA 12/81-10, DA 6/82-9, DA 12/90-4, 5, DA 6/93-SR, DA 5/96-SR, DA 5/97-CR (School Finance), DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Size of Buses

The NJSBA believes school boards should be allowed to own and operate buses having greater overall measurements and capacities than presently stipulated by state rules and regulations. *[Authority: DA 5/74-11, DA 5/96-SR, DA 5/97-CR (School Finance), DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Life Span For Buses

The NJSBA believes the life span of all new buses should begin on the date of the New Jersey registration of the school buses. Districts should be allowed to use buses with chassis manufactured after October 1992 or buses with chassis manufactured prior to that date beyond twelve years providing they continue to meet all appropriate state and federal standards and pass their semi-annual New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission inspections. *[Authority: DA 6/80-a, DA 6/80-9, DA 12/82-7, DA 5/96-SR, DA 5/97-CR (School Finance), DA 5/99-4, BD 1/01, DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Temporary "Pupil Transportation" Signs

The NJSBA believes that local boards of education should adopt the use of temporary "PUPIL TRANSPORTATION" signs for all non-typical Type II school vehicles transporting eight or fewer pupils. *[Authority: DA 12/86-6, DA 5/96-SR, DA 5/97-CR (School Finance), DA 11-01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Cross References:	3541	Transportation
	3541.1	Transportation routes and services
	4119.23	Smoking, drinking and use of drugs on school premises
	4212.2	Certification or licensing
	4217.50	Standards for staff discipline
	5142	Pupil safety

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