

- 8.01 Purpose and functions
- 8.02 Duties and responsibilities of the School Board
- 8.03 Responsibilities of the Superintendent
- 8.04 Responsibilities of the principal
- 8.05 Procedures for handling school bus discipline
- 8.06 Responsibilities and qualifications of school bus driver
- 8.07 Transported students and other riders
- 8.08 Charter schools
- 8.09 Magnet schools
- 8.10 Responsibilities of transported students
- 8.11 Responsibilities of parents and/or guardians
- 8.12 Bus routes
- 8.13 Special uses of school buses
- 8.14 Transportation personnel
- 8.15 Transportation equipment standards
- 8.16 Purchase of transportation equipment
- 8.17 Insurance
- 8.18 Surveys
- 8.19 Replacement schedule
- 8.20 Energy conservation

8.01 PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

The transportation program shall be administered in such a manner as to provide safe and efficient services at the lowest possible cost. Transportation funds shall be used primarily to provide transportation of students to and from the nearest appropriate school. In carrying out the functions and purposes of the transportation program, the School District will:

- A. Provide adequate transportation services for educational opportunities to students of school age who do not live within a reasonable walking distance to the school as defined in Section 1006.21, F.S.
- B. Provide transportation services to students identified on their I.E.P. as requiring transportation, without regard to distance.
- C. Provide transportation for students engaged in field trips, extra-curricular activities, and other approved trips as provided in these regulations.
- D. Safeguard the safety and welfare of students who are transported to and from school, and school sponsored or school related activities.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1006.21, 1006.23 F.S.

Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.02 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

The duties and responsibilities of the School Board shall be those set forth in state statutes and applicable administrative rules of the School Board and the State Department of Education.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1006.21, 1006.22, 1006.23, 1006.24, 1006.25, 1006.26, F.S.

Amended: 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.03 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

The duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent shall be those set forth in state statutes and applicable administrative rules of the School Board and the State Department of Education, relating to the transportation program.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1006.21, F.S.

Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.04 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRINCIPAL

In accordance with State Statutes, State Department of Education Rules, and policies of the School Board, the principal shall have those responsibilities designated by the Superintendent.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1006.21, F.S.

Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.05 PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING SCHOOL BUS DISCIPLINE

The principal shall assume responsibility for the determination and administration of appropriate discipline for misconduct of students while students are on the bus or at a bus stop, when the bus is present.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.07(1), 1006.09, 1006.10, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.06 RESPONSIBILITIES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

Only qualified school bus drivers, certified and approved by the School District, shall be used for operation of school buses. Applicants for the position of school bus driver as well as individuals currently employed as bus drivers are also subject to the provisions of Board Policy 4.04. The school bus driver shall have the duties and responsibilities set forth in State Statutes.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.21(2), 1006.21(1), 1006.09, 1006.10, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08, 6/23/09

8.07 TRANSPORTED STUDENTS AND OTHER RIDERS**A. Eligibility.**

1. Any student who resides two or more miles from his designated school is eligible to ride the school bus to and from that school.
2. The two-mile limit for eligibility of a student to ride a school bus shall be determined by measuring the exact distance from where the private road meets the public road to the nearest entrance of the school center to which the student is assigned.
3. No student residing within two miles of their assigned school shall be transported to school by school bus except upon special authorization of the Superintendent; or, if pursuant to the requirements of an Individual Education Plan that requires such bus service as a related service; or as provided in Section 1006.23, F.S.
4. No student shall be reported as transported for state reimbursement purposes unless the student lives two or more miles from school or is entitled to transportation as a student identified with a disability as noted on their I.E.P.
5. In unusual cases involving a small number of children living in a sparsely settled area, the School District may share the expenses of operating a vehicle of the type commonly called a private car or other conveyance for transporting students to a public school. Agreements to share the cost of operating any such conveyance shall be set forth in the minutes of the Board including amount, mileage to bus route or school, and the school attended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transportation grant or agreement to share the cost of paying for conveyance may be set forth in accordance with the requirements and procedures of the Individuals With Disabilities In Education Act, when such agreement for payment is part of the Individual Education Plan for a disabled student.
6. Transportation service will not be provided for a student living in another School District unless an agreement has been entered into annually by the Indian River County School Board and the School Board of the District in which the student lives and the agreement is indicated in the official Board minutes of the respective School Boards.
7. Only a student who is enrolled as a transported student and whose name appears on the bus driver's roster of students assigned to his/her bus may ride that bus, except upon the written request of the parent or guardian of the student, which shall be submitted to the principal of the student's school. Written approval of the principal or his/her designee is required and such approval may be granted only when the welfare of the student is

involved due to an emergency condition in the home. Where the emergency condition exceeds five (5) days, the approval of the Superintendent shall be required to continue the student's use of bus transportation pursuant to the parent/guardian's written request. Approval may not be granted under this section for student visitation purposes or to provide transportation for a student to his/her place of employment. Permission to use bus service for a route or bus other than the regularly assigned route or bus for a student will be subject to space being available on the other bus that the student wishes to ride, and on the continued good behavior by the student and adherence to all applicable rules for behavior on the bus.

8. No student shall be eligible for transportation on a field trip or on an extra-curricular trip unless he/she is duly enrolled in a school of the District and approved to make the trip as provided in these regulations.
 9. The following additional personnel shall be eligible for bus transportation: (1) School bus driver trainee; (2) Substitute drivers for training purposes or when assigned to duty; (3) Teachers and School District employees while supervising school sponsored activities or school connected activities; (4) Chaperones authorized by the principal and listed on the transportation request; and (5) Employees and approved bus volunteers of the School District engaged in school approved programs.
- B. Safety and health of students. Maximum regard for the safety of students and due consideration for the protection of the health of all students transported shall be primary requirements in the routing of buses, establishing of bus stops, appointing drivers, and in providing and operating transportation equipment.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1006.21, 1006.22, F.S.

Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.08 CHARTER SCHOOLS

- A. Transportation of charter school students shall be provided by the charter school consistent with the requirements of Section 1002.33, F.S.
- B. The governing body of the charter school may provide transportation through an agreement or contract with the School District, a private provider, or parents.
- C. The charter school and the sponsor shall cooperate in making arrangements that ensure transportation is not a barrier to equal access for all students residing within a reasonable distance of the charter school, as determined in its charter.
- D. If a charter school contracts to use transportation resources, all attempts shall be made to transport students on existing routes on availability.
- E. Charter schools utilizing District buses for any transportation will adhere to all Board policies.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1002.33, F.S.

Amended: NEW 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.09 MAGNET SCHOOLS

- A. Transportation may be provided when deemed appropriate, and at the discretion of the School District with due consideration given to unique programmatic requirements and available District resources. When transportation is provided, group stops will be made available. Parents will be responsible to transport their students to the nearest group stop or to the designated school. Grouping of stops for a route serving magnet schools may be reviewed periodically to allow for changes should populations shift to such a degree that existing stops are not appropriately utilized.

- B. Section 1006.23, F.S., does not apply to magnet schools, and there is no right to transportation at the expense of the School District unless the student has been assigned to the magnet school by the District.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented:

Amended: NEW 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.10 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRANSPORTED STUDENTS

A student who is eligible to be transported is entitled to the privilege of transportation only so long as he/she abides by the rules of safety and personal behavior which are necessary for the operation of the school bus and the transportation service as prescribed in these regulations. A student who is entitled to transportation shall be assigned to a specific bus and shall not ride any other bus except under the conditions of an emergency as provided in School Board policy 8.07(A)(7).

- A. Any student who abuses his/her privilege of riding a school bus through misconduct may be suspended from the bus by the school principal, as provided in Section 1006.10, F.S. The student may be denied school bus transportation by action of the School District. Suspension from bus privileges will not necessarily deny a student the right to attend school. Where a student is suspended or dismissed from transportation privileges and permitted to remain in school, the parent or guardian must provide transportation.
- B. Any student riding a school bus on a regular basis or on a special trip, including field trips and extra-curricular trips, shall have the following responsibilities:
1. To occupy the seat assigned by the driver or the principal and to refrain at all times from moving about while the bus is in motion.
 2. To observe classroom conduct, except for ordinary conversation, while getting on or off the bus or while riding the bus. There shall be no loud singing or loud noises on the bus.
 3. To obey the driver cheerfully and without argument.
 4. To warn the driver of an approaching danger, if there is a reason to believe that he/she is not aware of such danger.
 5. To be at the assigned pick-up point both morning and afternoon ready to board the bus at the designated time.
 6. To observe the proper rules of conduct while waiting for the bus, staying off the road and private property other than the established bus stop.
 7. To wait until the bus has come to a complete stop before attempting to get on or off the bus.
 8. To keep head, elbows, hands, and feet inside the bus windows at all times except in case of an emergency.
 9. To refrain from eating, drinking, or the use of illegal substances in any form on the school bus.
 10. To refrain from throwing objects within or outside the bus.
 11. No type of misconduct will be tolerated.
 12. The student or his/her parent or guardian shall be responsible for any damage to the bus or bus equipment. Payment for any damage, either willful or from negligence, shall be made to the School District by check or money order within ten days after billing. Unless payment is received within ten (10) days, the student and parent or guardian shall be responsible to the School District for such action, as it deems necessary.
 13. To refrain from bringing any instrument aboard the bus which could be considered a weapon of any type, as provided in State Statute and the *Code of Student Conduct*.
 14. Nothing shall be placed in the aisles or the entrance of the bus. Large boxes, packages, band instruments, and similar objects, which cannot be held by the passenger, will not be permitted aboard the bus unless it can be properly stored.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.10, 1006.21, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.11 RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS

The parent or guardian of a transported student shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. To require the student to be at the bus stop in the morning at least five minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time.
- B. To provide the necessary supervision and protection for the student in traveling to and from the bus stop.
- C. To assume joint responsibility with school authorities for the proper conduct of the pupil per Section 1006.10(1), F.S.
- D. To make a reasonable effort to understand transportation rules and to cooperate with school personnel for pupil transportation.
- E. Any parent or guardian of a disabled, Pre-K and kindergarten student shall have the following additional responsibilities:
 1. To provide the necessary assistance to the child while he/she is en route to and from the bus stop and to provide the necessary supervision of the child at the bus stop.
 2. To provide instructions in writing to the bus driver as to any special medical or non-medical care which the child may need while on the bus.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.21, 1006.10, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.12 BUS ROUTES

- A. Designation of Bus Routes. The School District will designate the route to be traveled regularly by each school bus and each route shall meet the following requirements:
 1. Each route shall be planned and adjusted to the capacity of the bus.
 - (a) Except for a student identified on his/her I.E.P. as disabled, two (2) miles shall be regarded as a reasonable walking distance to school or one and one-half (1 1/2) miles to the nearest bus stop.
 - (b) Any student living less than two (2) miles from the nearest appropriate school, as determined by the School District, shall not ride a school bus except upon special written authorization of the Superintendent or under circumstances contemplated in Section 1006.23, F.S.
 2. Where circumstances of an emergency nature temporarily necessitate the transportation of students while standing, the school bus shall proceed at such a reduced rate of speed as may be required to maximize the safety of pupils, taking into consideration existing traffic and road conditions. The Director of Transportation shall notify the Superintendent immediately as to the emergency condition and such action as may be required will be taken to correct the condition. Under no conditions shall students be permitted to stand except as provided herein.
 3. The route served by a school bus designated by the School Board shall be restricted to those areas where road conditions, the capacity of bridges, and the number of students served make such service economically feasible and practicable.
 4. A route shall not be extended for the purpose of accommodating students whose homes are within a reasonable walking distance or where a shorter or more economical route is available to serve the students.

5. Unless otherwise agreed by the School District pursuant to a written agreement for a bus route to include a private road, school bus routes must travel roads that are maintained by a City, the County, and/or State. The routes will be restricted further to areas where the number of students to be served make the service practical and economically feasible, and to require the minimum time necessary to transport students. Any road for a bus route shall be:
 - (a) A road which is free from safety hazards and passable under normal weather conditions.
 - (b) Of sufficient width so that tree limbs, bushes, and similar hazards do not exist.
 - (c) A road with at least twelve feet of over-head clearance from the ground.
 - (d) Free of obstructions and shall have no bridge which is inadequate to support the weight of the bus when loaded to capacity.
 6. Only one bus shall be assigned to students on any given route unless the school schedules make a dual assignment of buses necessary.
- B. Student Stops
Student loading and unloading stops shall generally not be established less than 0.25 miles apart and shall be established, where possible, so that students from several homes can meet at a central point for group pick-up. Where the welfare and safety dictate otherwise, the provisions of this policy may be waived.
1. Buses shall make only authorized regularly scheduled stops. Unscheduled stops solely for the convenience of the driver or students, where the health and safety of the driver or students are not in jeopardy, will be considered a violation of School Board policies.
- C. Change of Routes
A request for a change in a bus route should be made to the Director of Transportation.
1. A minor deviation in a bus route may be made by the Director of Transportation for good cause
 2. A major deviation in a bus route may be made by the Director of Transportation after receiving approval from the Superintendent.
 3. This requirement regarding change of routes does not apply when the driver is following the instructions for a temporary detour route given by proper legal authority.
- D. Non-Transportation Zones
After considering the recommendations of the Superintendent, the School Board will designate, by map or otherwise, zones which will be composed of areas in the District from which it is unnecessary or impractical to provide transportation services. Said zones will be designated annually prior to the opening of school and prior to the designation of bus routes for the ensuing school year.
- E. Cooperation with other School Districts.
1. Where it is practical to extend a school bus route to serve an area located in another School District, the School Board of Indian River County will enter into an agreement with the School Board of the other School District to provide transportation services to pupils residing in such adjacent School District. Any such agreement shall be recorded in the official Board minutes of each School Board. The agreement shall state in detail the responsibility of each Board for the operation of the school bus.
 2. Wherever a school bus crosses a district line, the policies of the Indian River County School Board shall apply to such transported students unless otherwise stated in the agreement between the Boards.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1001.42(4)(d), 1006.21, 1006.23, F.S.
Amended: 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.13 SPECIAL USES OF SCHOOL BUSES

- A. In addition to the transportation of students to and from school, school buses may be used for educational field trips and for school sponsored activities, provided such trips are conducted as a part of the regularly organized program of the school. Any such trip must be approved by the principal and the Superintendent, and shall be conducted under the supervision of a member of the administrative or instructional staff of the school. Such trips may include educational field trips and extra-curricular trips sponsored by the school.
- B. School buses shall only be used for school related activities, with the following exceptions:
1. school buses may be used pursuant to requests by federal, state, county or city agencies as provided in Sections 1006.261(1)(a) and 1006.261(2), F.S.;
 2. school buses may be used pursuant to special requests by Emergency Management Services, as approved by the School District; or
 3. school buses may be used pursuant to agreements with nonprofit corporations and nonprofit civic associations and groups, such as churches, community agencies, Indian River County Recreation, and other similar groups, as provided in Section 1006.261(1)(c), F.S.

Any organization requesting the use of school buses shall be required to pay the Indian River County School District an operating fee and bus driver compensation. The expenses of any school related trip shall be the sole responsibility of the school or department.

- C. Educational Field Trips. Any trip which is directly related to a unit of instruction being studied by a particular group of students, shall be considered an educational field trip.
- D. Extra-Curricular Trips. A trip which is not directly related to the instructional program but which is related to a school sponsored activity shall be considered an extra-curricular trip. The sponsor will be responsible while on the trip for purchasing sufficient fuel to return to Indian River County. The driver will inform the sponsor whenever the fuel gauge reaches the one-fourth (1/4) level. If the bus runs out of fuel, it will be the sponsor's responsibility to obtain fuel for the continuation of the trip. Under such conditions, the sponsor will be responsible for paying the standard rate plus meals for the driver until the trip terminates in the school bus compound. Drivers should only have responsibility for students while driving. Individual accommodations should be provided for the driver, if on an overnight field trip. Where an extra-curricular trip or any other school approved trip warrants travel by a chartered bus operated by a commercial line, approval shall be obtained from the Superintendent.
- E. Summer Program Transportation. Buses and drivers for the summer programs may be assigned to school centers by the Director of Transportation.
- F. Rules Applicable to Special Uses. The following rules shall apply to the use of a school bus for a special school trip:
1. A request for transportation for any eligible activity should be on the proper District approved form and shall be signed by the principal of the school requesting the service. Such request shall be submitted to the Superintendent at least ten (10) school days prior to the time of the scheduled trip.
 2. Scheduling of a bus for a special trip shall be the responsibility of the Director of Transportation and such trip shall in no way alter, interfere with, or disrupt the operation of a regular bus route carrying students to and from school.
 3. It shall be the responsibility of the principal of each school to provide chaperones for each scheduled special trip, along with a detailed set of directions for trip destination, and to see that chaperones are properly instructed in the rules governing transportation prior to departure, with special emphasis on behavior and safety rules. At least one chaperone on each bus should be a member of the administrative or instructional staff. The request for transportation form submitted to the Superintendent shall list the names of the chaperones.
 4. All rules and regulations as prescribed in these regulations shall apply to special trips for all bus passengers.

5. The School District will not be obligated to pay the cost of the driver's admission to any activity nor is the driver obligated to act as a chaperone to the group making the trip.
 6. The Director of Transportation, in cooperation with the principal, shall be responsible for handling the collection for damages to the bus by students during a special trip.
 7. Any school bus used on an extra-curricular activity or an educational field trip shall be operated on the highways in strict compliance with the laws and regulations of the State Department of Education and the School Board.
 - (a) All rules relating to student responsibilities shall be enforced.
 - (b) The driver shall not exceed the posted speed limit or exceed a maximum of fifty-five (55) miles per hour subject to road and weather conditions.
 - (c) Nothing shall be placed in the aisles or the entrance of the bus. Large boxes, packages, band instruments, and similar objects, which cannot be held by the passenger, will not be permitted aboard the bus unless it can be properly stored.
 8. With respect to use of school buses for field trips, these requirements shall include compliance with the procedures set out in Policy 6.06, "Field Trips".
- G. Charter Schools
No individual school will be permitted to own and operate a bus except for charter schools.
- H. Transportation Disadvantaged
1. The Indian River County School District may enter into agreements with the governing body of a county or municipality in the School District or any state agency or agencies established or identified to assist in the transportation of the disadvantaged, as defined in Section 427.011(1), F.S., including the elderly.
 2. Anyone that requests transportation under this section shall provide insurance in accordance with Sections 1006.24 and 1006.261, F.S.
 3. Each such agreement shall provide for reimbursement of the School District in full for the operating costs of the buses and drivers as determined by the contract.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
 Implemented: 427.011, 1006.21, 1006.22, 1006.24, 1006.261, F.S.
 Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.14 TRANSPORTATION PERSONNEL

Employees working in transportation will be processed according to the rules and regulations for all School District employees as outlined in Chapter 4. All school bus drivers will satisfy those provisions set forth in State Statute.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
 Implemented: 1012.22, 1012.72, 1012.45, F.S.
 Amended: 12/12/99, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.15 TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

- A. All transportation equipment shall be of such construction as to provide safe, comfortable, and economical transportation for passengers.
- B. Equipment shall meet the minimum requirements of state and national construction standards for safety and comfort and shall be of a character and quality commensurate with the need for transportation and within the financial ability of the District.
- C. All buses shall at the time of purchase meet the minimum standards of the National Conference on School Transportation and shall have such equipment and safety devices as are desirable for safe operation, adequate protection of health, and the comfort of students as prescribed by law and regulations of the State Department of Education.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.25, 1006.21(2), F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.16 PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT

New school buses will be purchased pursuant to state statutes and State Department of Education Rules.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.27, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.17 INSURANCE

The School District will carry liability insurance on school buses and all other school owned vehicles as provided in Section 1006.24, F.S. Under no conditions shall such insurance be less than the amount prescribed by law.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.24, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.18 SURVEYS

The School District will have an F.E.F.P. survey performed pursuant to Section 1011.68, F.S.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1011.68, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.19 REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Based on an annual study, the Superintendent shall submit to the School Board from time to time his/her recommendations for a school bus replacement schedule, with the objective of an annual replacement of approximately one-tenth (1/10) of the school buses or such other replacement schedule as the supporting data justifies.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.
Implemented: 1006.21, F.S.
Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

8.20 ENERGY CONSERVATION

When the Superintendent determines the fuel allocations to be critical, a notice will be sent to all concerned administrators and the following procedures shall be implemented:

- A. As a general rule, school buses will be used only for home to school to home transportation. This means that all extra-curricular and educational trips not deemed necessary would be eliminated.
 1. Trips will be permitted on Saturday, Sunday, or a school holiday with the school responsible for providing all fuel just as though purchased at a local fuel station. The bus will be supplied and the school will be responsible for buying the initial tank of fuel. On

termination of the trip, the fuel tank will be filled and credit will be given for any unused fuel.

- B. There shall be refresher training sessions for school bus drivers on maximum speed, rate of acceleration from stops, and mechanical condition of buses. Provisions for such refresher sessions shall be made by the Director of Transportation.
 - 1. A school bus driver shall not exceed the posted speed or a maximum speed of fifty-five (55) miles per hour regardless of the type of highway. On limited access highways, the speed of a school bus shall not exceed a maximum of fifty-five (55) miles per hour or be less than forty (45) miles per hour.
- C. Garage mechanics shall give immediate attention to tuning engines of buses to maintain maximum efficiency.
- D. Where safety permits, passenger stops shall be consolidated and the number of bus stops shall be reduced.
- E. Route plans shall be studied to determine if empty bus miles can be reduced.

Authority: 120.536, 120.54, 120.81, 1001.41, 1001.51, 10001.49, 1001.42(17), 1001.43, F.S.

Implemented: 1006.21, F.S.

Amended: 12/12/83, 12/14/99, 10/14/03, 9/23/08

This Page Intentionally Left Blank