

1 **State Board of Education**

2 **Regulatory Reduction on 8VAC20-70**

3 **8VAC20-70-130. Maintenance inspection.**

4 All school buses and school activity buses used to transport public school pupils to and from
5 school and school activity events shall be inspected and maintained by competent mechanics at
6 least once every 45 school days, with "school days" as determined by the school division's
7 approved yearly calendar or modifications in the calendar as approved by the division
8 superintendent or designee, or every 5,000 miles. Any bus that is removed from service or
9 deadlined so as to disrupt the scheduled maintenance shall be inspected prior to being returned
10 to service. At no point shall any bus go without an inspection during the school semester and such
11 inspections shall be no more than 90 school days apart excluding summer sessions. The
12 inspections and maintenance shall be ~~conducted in accordance with provisions of the Preventive~~
13 ~~Maintenance Manual for Virginia School Buses (September 2012) and~~ recorded on the prescribed
14 inspection forms or in a format approved by the Department of Education. Additional Original
15 Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) inspection and maintenance recommendations should be
16 maintained during the service life of each bus to ensure safety and warranty requirements are
17 met. Maintenance consideration should be given to buses operated during the summer session.
18 If the inspection and maintenance are not made in a shop operated by the school board or the
19 local governing body, the school board shall designate one or more inspection centers to make
20 the inspections and require a copy of the results of the inspections to be furnished to the division
21 superintendent. School division compliance with the foregoing maintenance inspection
22 requirements shall be subject to verification by the Department of Education.

23 Subject to funds being available, the Department of Education shall conduct operational
24 assessments of school divisions' pupil transportation operations on an ongoing basis to ensure
25 applicable statutes, regulations, and specifications are being met. The Department of Education
26 shall establish procedures for conducting the operational assessments and shall conduct the
27 assessments in school divisions on a periodic cycle as resources permit. As part of the operational
28 assessments, the Department of Education shall provide technical assistance to school divisions
29 in a manner that will assist them with achieving and maintaining compliance with applicable
30 statutes, regulations, and specifications.

31 Maintenance and service personnel shall be encouraged to attend approved workshops or
32 training institutes and shall receive all necessary service and maintenance publications for
33 equipment serviced.

34 **8VAC20-70-380. Pre-trip safety inspection.**

35 Prior to the initial transporting of children each day, the drivers of school and activity buses
36 shall perform a daily pre-trip safety inspection of the vehicle. The items shall be checked and
37 recorded ~~shall be at least equal to the pre-trip inspection procedure in the Preventive Maintenance~~
38 ~~Manual for Virginia School Buses (September 2012) issued~~ on the prescribed inspection forms
39 or in a format approved by the Department of Education.