

PROPOSED STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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Policy Identification

Priority: Twenty-First Century Systems

Category: Transportation

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Policy Title: Policies governing School Bus and Activity Bus Inspections

Current Policy Date:

RATIONALE: DMV was hesitant to support the legislation to exempt school buses from their state inspection requirements because DMV inspections have to be conducted by individuals that have successfully complete DMV inspector class. This policy is in response to those concerns and to help ensure that those individuals inspecting school buses and activity buses have completed a training regimen to help ensure that inspections are done properly to ensure student safety.

Other Historical Information: Effective August 4, 2008, school buses and activity buses exempted from the annual safety inspection required of most other vehicles by the Division of Motor Vehicles (Session Law 2008-172 and Session Law 2009-570).

Statutory Reference: GS 115C-248. Inspection of school buses and activity buses.

G.S. 115C-248 (a) The superintendent of each local school administrative unit, shall cause each school bus owned or operated by such local school administrative unit to be inspected at least once each 30 days during the school year for mechanical defects, or other defects which may affect the safe operation of such bus. A report of such inspection, together with the recommendations of the person making the inspection, shall be filed promptly in the office of the superintendent of such local school administrative unit, and a copy thereof shall be forwarded to the principal of the school to which such bus is assigned.

The superintendent of each local school administrative unit shall ensure that the individual conducting the required 30-day inspection of any school bus or school activity bus has completed the training and certification requirements administered by the Department of Public Instruction.