



School Transportation Small Capacity Vehicle

(12 or fewer passengers)

Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Requirements (STU 8)

2025-2026

ALL ITEMS ON THIS CHECKLIST ARE MANDATORY. THE USE OF THIS SPECIFIC FORM IS NOT MANDATORY.

Per 1 CCR 301-26, 10.3 - "The pre-trip and post-trip inspection requirements for school transportation small capacity vehicles shall include at a minimum all items listed on the CDE School Transportation Vehicle (Small Capacity Vehicle) Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Requirements (STU-8) Form."

Items marked with a double asterisk (**) are not required for electric vehicles.

Small Capacity Vehicle

Front of Vehicle

Light lens condition

Rear of Vehicle

- Light lens condition
- Doors
- Tailpipe/Muffler**

Engine Compartment

- Oil Level
- Coolant Level
- Power Steering Fluid
- Fan Belt(s)

Tires

- Inflation
- Condition
- Depth

Exterior Lights

- Hazard Lights
- Turn Signals
- Brake Lights
- Reverse Lights

Driver/Fuel Area

- Door
- Mirror(s)
- Fuel Tank
- Fuel Leaks
- Fuel Cap

Emergency Equipment

- Safety Belt
- Triangles
- First Aid Kit
- Bodily Fluid Kit
- Seat Belt Cutter
- Fire extinguisher

In Cab

- ABS
- Communications
- Defroster
- Dome Lights
- Hazard Lights
- Headlights
- Heater(s)
- High Beams

- Horn
- Mirrors
- Oil Pressure Gauge**
- Parking Brake
- Service Brake
- Temperature Gauge
- Turn Signal Left
- Turn Signal Right
- Voltmeter Gauge**
- Washers
- Windshield
- Wipers

Post-Trip

- Student Check
- Walk Around
- Articles Left on the Bus
- Open Windows/Doors
- Damage/Vandalism
- Mechanical Problems
- Operational Problems



To determine what constitutes out-of-service criteria for each item on this form, please scan the QR code to the left or refer to the CDE Annual Inspection Guide, which is located on the CDE Transportation website.