

School Transportation Vehicle

(School Bus, MFSAB, and Type A vehicles)

Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Requirements (STU 9)

2025-2026

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

Per 1 CCR 301-26, 10.2 - "The pre-trip and post-trip inspection requirements for school transportation vehicles, other than small capacity vehicles, shall include at a minimum all items listed on the CDE School Transportation Vehicle (School Bus) Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Requirements (STU-9) Form. "

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

School Transportation Vehicle

Front of Vehicle

- Light lens condition

Side of Vehicle

- Light lens condition
- Reflectors
- Student door
- Lift door (if present)
- Mirrors
- Battery box
- Fuel tank
- Fuel leaks
- Fuel cap

Rear of Vehicle

- Light lens condition
- Reflectors
- Splash guard
- Emergency doors
- Tailpipe/Muffler**

Exterior Lights

- Clearance

- Hazard lights
- Turn signals
- Overhead amber
- Overhead red
- Stop arm lights
 - Including operation
- Tail lights
- Brake lights

Engine Compartment

- Oil level**
- Coolant level
- Power steering fluid
- Water pump**
 - Belt or Gear
- Alternator**
 - Belt or Gear
- Air compressor
 - Belt or Gear
- Fan belt(s)
- Leaks
- Hoses

Steering

- Box
- Hoses
- Pitman arm
- Drag link

Tires

- Inflation
- Condition
- Depth

Wheels

- Rims
- Lug nuts
- Axle hub oil seal
- Spacers

Front/Rear Brakes

- Slack adjustor
- Brake chamber
- Brake hose or line
- Drum or Disk
- Linings or Pads



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Under Vehicle

- Drive shaft
- Exhaust system**
- Frame
- Emergency window alarm
- Communications

Suspension

- Springs
- Spring mount(s)
- Shock(s)
- U-bolts
- Air bag(s)
- Air bag mount(s)
- *1 Compressor
- *2 System leaks
- *3 Low air warning
- *4 Valve set or Hydraulic brake

Air Brake Check

(*) If no air brakes, cross out

In Cab

- Safe start
- ABS
- Temperature gauge
- Oil pressure gauge**
- Voltmeter gauge**
- Air gauge
- Turn signal - Left
- Turn signal - Right
- Hazard lights
- Headlights
 - High and low beams
- Horn
- Heater(s)
- Defroster
- Mirrors
 - Exterior and student
- Windshield
- Wipers
- Washers
- Parking brake
- Service brake
- Dome lights
- Emergency door alarm

Emergency Equipment

- Safety belt
- Triangles
- First aid kit
- Bodily fluid kit
- Seat belt cutter
- Fire extinguisher
- Electrical fuses

Passenger Items

- Steps
- Handrail
- Step lights
- Lift (if present)
- Seating secured

Post-Trip

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



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