SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE

A preventive maintenance program for inspection, service and correction shall be operated for the purpose of preventing breakdowns, ensuring safe operation, lowering operating costs, and providing more dependable service and longer vehicle life.

Each vehicle will be carefully inspected each month, but not less than once each 1,000 miles. An inspection record shall be kept of each inspection. Such record shall be kept for at least two years.

Safety

Good safety habits are as important as a good preventive maintenance program in prolonging the life of all vehicles, improving their value, and ensuring the safety of the occupants. Before loading students prior to departing, each driver must:

- 1. check the tires, coolant in the radiator, and oil;
- 2. inspect and check the brakes, horn, lights, signaling devices, and windshield wipers; and
- 3. check all instrument gauges, particularly to ensure that the alternator is charging and that the proper oil pressure is indicated.

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