

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, TRANSPORTATION – SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

PROPOSED PROMULGATION OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING 6G13- 3E-1.102, TRANSPORTATION – ZERO TOLERANCE

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to amend the document, *Transportation Rules and Policies Manual*, which is incorporated by reference and is a part of this rule, to update the language to conform to current Board practice. Consideration is also requested to repeal the document, *Safe Driver Plan*, which is incorporated by reference and is a part of this rule, in order to include and incorporate the language thereof into the proposed new document, *Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff*, to be incorporated by reference and made part of this rule. In addition, the promulgation of new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance, is to ensure that school bus drivers and school bus aides always perform post-trip inspections and that no student be left on a school bus.

This Board item is in accordance with State Board Rule – 6A-3.017 (1)(d), to develop safety regulations and promote safety practices for all drivers.

Attached are the Notices of Intended Action, the rule proposed for amendment, and the proposed new rule. Changes from the current rule are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, and the promulgation of new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to:

1. amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures; and
2. promulgate new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance.

NOTICE OF INTENDENT ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on July 19, 2000, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, at its meeting of August 23, 2000.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To repeal the document, **Safe Driver Plan**, to include the language thereof into the proposed new document, **Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff**, to be incorporated by reference and be made part of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures. The proposed amendment to the document, **Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Department of Transportation, School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual**, incorporated by reference as part of this rule, is to update the language to current Board practice.

SUMMARY: To incorporate the **Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff**, as part of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, is to comport with State Board Rules, Florida Statutes, and adhere to School Board procedures.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF August 23, 2000, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by August 14, 2000, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim record of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE is available for inspection and copying at cost by the public in the Citizen Information Center, School Board Administration Building, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Room 158, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Ms. Marta Leyva
Supervisor: Mr. Eddie T. Pearson
Date: July 5, 2000

Non-instructional Operations

TRANSPORTATION – SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

The specific procedures to be followed by all parties concerned are outlined in the documents entitled **Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Department of Transportation, School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual** and **Safe Driver Plan, Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff,** which are incorporated by reference in this rule and a part hereof. Copies of these documents are on file in the Office of the Board Recording Secretary, the Citizen Information Center, and the Office of the School Board Clerk.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

History

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Repromulgated: 12-11-74

Amended: 7-25-84; 7-9-97; 1-14-98

NOTICE OF INTENDENT ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on July 19, 2000, its intention to promulgate new Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance, at its meeting of August 23, 2000.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Failure to perform post-trip inspections after each bus run shall result in disciplinary action, and failure to perform post-trip inspections which results in students left on school buses shall result in dismissal from all employment with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

SUMMARY: This new Board Rule delineates appropriate disciplinary procedures to be implemented in the event school bus drivers and/or school bus aides do not perform required post-trip inspections.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

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A COPY OF THE PROPOSED RULE (PROMULGATION) is available for inspection and copying at cost by the public in the Citizen Information Center, School Board Administration Building, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Room 158, Miami, Florida 33132.

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TRANSPORTATION – ZERO TOLERANCE

All school bus drivers and/or school bus aides shall conduct post-trip inspections as required in the document, **Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff**, which is incorporated by reference in School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures. Post-trip inspections shall include, but are not limited to, checking the bus carefully after each run for students left on the bus. Failure of a school bus driver and/or a school bus aide to conduct the required post-trip inspection after each run shall result in disciplinary action of the school bus driver and/or the school bus aide. Failure of a school bus driver and/or a school bus aide to conduct the required post-trip inspection resulting in a student being left on the bus will not be tolerated and shall result in dismissal from all employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(20) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

History

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