

School Operations  
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD RULES: FINAL  
READING 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, TRANSPORTATION–ZERO TOLERANCE;  
6Gx13- 3E-1.10, TRANSPORTATION–SPECIFIC PROCEDURES**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida announced on July 11, 2001, its intention to amend School Board Rules 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance and 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, and amend the documents, **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Transportation School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual and Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff**, which are incorporated by reference and are part of this rule, at its meeting of August 22, 2001.

The Notices of Intended Action were published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on July 16, 2001, posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by these amended new rules, and to individuals requesting information.

The time to request a hearing or protest the adoption of these rules has elapsed.

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, the amended rules are presented to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for adoption and authorization to file these rules in the official records of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Attached are the Notices of Intended Action and the amended rules. Changes from the current rules are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Copies of the documents, **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Transportation School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual and Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff**, which are incorporated by reference and are a part of School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, will be forwarded to the School Board Members under separate cover prior to the School Board Meeting of August 22, 2001, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

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**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. adopt amended School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance; and
2. adopt amended School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, and the documents **Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Transportation School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual and Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff**, and authorize the Superintendent to file the rules with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, to be effective August 22, 2001.

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## NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on July 11, 2001, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, at its meeting of August 22, 2001.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** To revise the documents, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Department of Transportation School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual and Handbook for Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff, which are incorporated by reference and are part of this rule, will update the language to conform with current Board practice.

**SUMMARY:** These revised documents are to adhere to School Board procedures.

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:** 230.22(2); 230.23(22) F.S.

**LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC:** 230.23005(9); 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

**IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF** August 22, 2001, 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 6, 2001, 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 the 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: June 27, 2001

## **NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on July 11, 2001, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance, at its meeting of August 22, 2001.

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

**SUMMARY:** This revised Board Rule delineates appropriate disciplinary procedures to be implemented in the event school bus drivers do not perform required post-trip inspections.

**SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED:** 230.22(2); 230.23(22) F.S.

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Non-Instructional Operations**TRANSPORTATION – ZERO TOLERANCE**

All school bus drivers ~~and/or school bus aides shall~~ must 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. The document, **Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides, and Operations Staff**, specifies that post-trip inspections must be conducted as prescribed in Sections 3.2, **School Bus Driver Responsibilities**; and 10.12, **Compound Traffic Rules And Storage Of Buses**. Post-trip inspections shall include, but are not limited to, checking the bus carefully after each run for students left on the bus walking from one end of the bus to the other, checking behind and under every bus seat for students remaining on the bus. Post-trip inspections must be performed after the completion of each bus run, as well as at the bus storage compound. ~~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 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.~~

The intent of the Zero Tolerance Policy is to make sure that no student is left on a bus without adult supervision after the completion of a bus run or at the bus storage compound. Accordingly, the document, **Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff** imposes an affirmative duty on the driver to conduct the required post-trip inspections. This duty cannot be delegated.

Zero tolerance means that if a driver fails to perform a post-trip inspection, and a child is left on the bus without adult supervision after the completion of a bus run, or at the bus storage compound, the driver will be dismissed from all employment with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(20)(22); F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.23005(9); 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

History

New: 8-23-00

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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 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 Board Recording Secretary, the Citizen Information Center, and the Office of the School Board Clerk.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(~~20~~)(22) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.23005(9); 234.01 F.S.; 6A-3.017(1)(d) FAC.

History

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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