

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of August 23, 2000

August 11, 2000

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

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

**PROPOSED PROMULGATION OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD RULE:
FINAL READING 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, TRANSPORTATION – ZERO
TOLERANCE**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, announced on July 19, 2000, its intention to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures; amend the document, Transportation Rules and Policies Manual, which is incorporated by reference and is a part of this rule; repeal the document, Safe Driver Plan; promulgate the new document, Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides, and Operations Staff, to be incorporated by reference and made part of this rule; and to promulgate the new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation - Zero Tolerance, at the meeting of August 23, 2000.

The Notice of Intended Action was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on July 24, 2000, posted in various places for public information, and mailed to various organizations representing persons affected by this amended and new rule, and to individuals requesting notification.

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 rule and the proposed new rule 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 Notice of Intended Action, the amended rule, 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.

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Copies of the documents, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Department of Transportation, School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual, which is incorporated by reference and is a part of this rule, and the new document, Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff, to be incorporated by reference and made part of this rule, will be forwarded to the School Board Members under separate cover prior to the School Board Meeting of August 23, 2000, 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.

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

1. adopt amended School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E1.10, Transportation – Specific Procedures, and the document, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Department of Transportation, School Bus Transportation Rules and Policies Manual;
2. repeal the document, Safe Driver Plan, which is incorporated by reference and part of Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10;
3. adopt new document, Handbook for School Bus Drivers, Aides and Operations Staff, to be incorporated into Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.10; and
4. adopt new School Board Rule 6Gx13- 3E-1.102, Transportation – Zero Tolerance.

ETP:md

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.

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 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.

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

Non-instructional Operations**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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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