

Title 7: Education

Part 3 Chapter 81: Transportation

*Rule 81.15 MINIMUM STANDARDS AND SCHOOL BUS SPECIFICATIONS*

The Mississippi Minimum School Bus Standards and Specifications provides state and federal regulations governing school bus body and chassis specifications, specially equipped school bus specifications, pupil transportation service vehicles specifications, multifunction school activity bus specifications, alternative power specifications, and equipment for the transportation of Pre-K Children.

All school buses and multifunction school activity buses sold by approved vendors and purchased or leased by a local education agency or private contractor shall meet the Mississippi Minimum School Bus Standards and Specifications approved by the State Board of Education and all applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards.

All used school buses purchased by a local education agency or private contractor shall meet the Mississippi Minimum Standards for School Buses for the year in which the bus was manufactured.

As evaluation suggests the need for changes in the minimum standards on the state or federal level, staff in the Office of Safe and Orderly Schools, Division of Pupil Transportation is authorized to make those changes and recommend them to the Mississippi Board of Education. Upon approval by the Mississippi Board of Education, those changes should be disseminated to the appropriate individuals in the education community.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-41-1* (April 2023)