

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Item
July 17, 2019

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-3.0121, Responsibility of School District and Parents or Guardians for Students Who are Transported at Public Expense

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02(1), Florida Statutes

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Senator Kelli Stargel's office requested a rule change to include CPR and first aid training for school bus operators and attendants. The current rule requires school bus operators and attendants be provided instructions, in writing, as to any special conditions or non-medical care that a specific student may need while on the bus. If passed, this amendment will require that certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training be required for all school bus operators and attendants, in addition to written instructions for students with special needs.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6A-3.0121, F.A.C.

Presenter/Facilitator: Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

6A-3.0121 Responsibility of School District and Parents or Guardians for Students Who Are Transported at Public Expense.

(1) The school district shall determine safety measures to be used in the transportation of students, such as the designation of routes, bus turning areas, student stop locations, and the method of securement or positioning of students with special needs.

(2) The school district shall exercise additional specific powers and responsibilities as follows:

(a) The district shall provide bus operators and attendants instructions, in writing, as to any special conditions or non-medical care which a student may need while on the bus.

(b) The district shall instruct bus operators, and attendants if used, in their responsibilities for students who are transported at public expense as follows:

1. The operator or attendant of a bus transporting students shall remain with the bus so that students aboard will be under supervision at all times, except to call for assistance in case of an emergency or accident involving the students or bus.

2. In cases where a student with physical disabilities is unable to leave the area of a student stop without assistance, the school bus operator shall not assume responsibility for such assistance except in an emergency which threatens the safety of such student or students.

3. The operator and attendant shall be provided certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training along with other required pre-service training related to students prior to transporting students, and shall receive CPR and first aid refresher in-service training at least biennially; however, the operator and attendant shall not give medicine and shall limit his or her assistance to that which may normally be expected of a reasonable, prudent person or as specified in the student's Individual Educational Plan. All operators and attendants who that are employed and transporting students on or before the effective date of this rule must be provided certified CPR and first aid training by November 1, 2020.

(c) No change.

(1) through (3) No change.

Rulemaking Authority 1001.02(1), 1006.22(13) FS. Law Implemented 1001.42(10), 1003.31(1)(d), 1006.10, 1006.22 FS. History—New 3-26-66, Amended 9-17-72, Repromulgated 12-5-74, Formerly 6A-3.121, Amended 11-15-94, 11-26-06, 4-25-17,