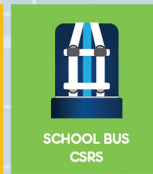
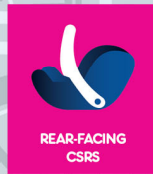


## Child Passenger Safety on School Buses



NATIONAL TRAINING



## Handout • Identify School Buses

### SCHOOL BUS CLASSIFICATION

Not every vehicle that looks like a bus is a school bus. Check the **vehicle certification label**, which should be located inside the bus, above the front window or door. The type should state "school bus" (not simply "bus" or "MPV"—Multi-Purpose Vehicle).

- To be classified as a school bus, a vehicle must meet the many federal safety regulations that apply to these vehicles.
- A multi-function school activity bus (MFSAB) is a school bus that meets all federal requirements for a school bus, except it lacks traffic control devices, like alternating flashing lights and stop arms.
- The mere fact that a vehicle is used by a school does not make it a school bus. When schools use non-school-bus vehicles for student transportation, like vans and SUVs, these are subject to all state laws that apply to child occupants who ride in passenger vehicles.

### BUS LABEL EXAMPLES

School Bus	Non-School Bus
<p><b>COLLINS</b> THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIOR MANUFACTURER'S INCOMPLETE VEHICLE DOCUMENT WHERE APPLICABLE.</p> <p>MANUFACTURED BY: <b>COLLINS BUS CORPORATION</b> P.O. BOX 2946 HUTCHINSON, KS 67504-2946</p> <p><b>VEHICLE TYPE: SCHOOL BUS</b></p> <p>INCOMPLETE VEHICLE MANUFACTURER: GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION INCOMPLETE VEHICLE DATE OF MANUFACTURE: 05/2012</p> <p>GVWR: 5,579 KG (12,300 LBS)</p> <p>FRONT GAWR: 1,950 KG (4,300 LBS) WITH: LT225/75R16E TIRES 16 X 6.5J RIMS AT: 448 KPA (65 PSI) COLD</p> <p>REAR GAWR: 3,901 KG (8,600 LBS) WITH: LT225/75R16E TIRES 16 X 6.5J RIMS AT: 448 KPA (65 PSI) COLD</p> <p>UNIT NUMBER: [REDACTED] VIN: [REDACTED]</p> <p>MAX DESIGN CAPACITY 22</p> <p>DATE OF MANUFACTURE: <b>10/2012</b></p>	<p><b>Thomas</b> HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA BUILT BUSES MFD. BY THOMAS BUILT BUSES, INC.</p> <p>INC VEH MFD BY: CHEV GVWR: 4491KG 9900LBS</p> <p>GAWR FRONT: 1950KG 4300LBS TIRES @ 345KPA (50 PSI) COLD GAWR REAR: 2760KG 6084LBS TIRES @ 552KPA (80 PSI) COLD</p> <p>W/ 16X6.5 RIMS, TIRES LT225/75R16E "E" LOAD RATING SINGLE W/ 16X6.5 RIMS, TIRES LT225/75R16E "E" LOAD RATING SINGLE</p> <p>THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE.</p> <p>VIN: [REDACTED] BODY ID: [REDACTED]</p> <p><b>VEH. TYPE: MPV</b></p> <p>TBB PART NUMBER - 65011167</p>

## SCHOOL BUSES AND GVWR

- While it is **not** important to know the different school bus types for purposes of installing CSRS in school buses—it *is* important to know the school bus's **gross vehicle weight rating** (GVWR).
  - Several different school bus types are shown in the following illustration.
  - To confirm school bus weight information, check the GVWR given on the vehicle certification label.
- GVWR is the maximum loaded weight under which a vehicle can safely operate as prescribed by the manufacturer.



“Large” (> 10,000 lbs.)

“Small” (10,000 lbs. and less)

## SEAT BELTS ON SCHOOL BUSES

Driver seats must have  
**lap-and-shoulder belts**



ALL School Buses

All positions must have  
**seat belts**



GVWR ≤ 10,000 lbs.

Lap-and-shoulder belts have been the required type since October 2011.

**Not required** to have seat belts



GVWR > 10,000 lbs.

They may be **optionally equipped** with lap belts or lap-and-shoulder belts.



## LATCH ON SCHOOL BUSES

- School buses are exempt from tether anchor requirements, but school buses of any size may be **optionally equipped** with lower anchors and/or tether anchors.



School buses are **exempt** from **tether anchor** requirements.

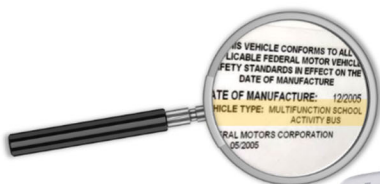


Since 2003, school buses with a GVWR of **10,000 lbs. or less must have** a set of lower anchors for two of the bus's seating positions.

Additional positions may optionally be equipped.

## MULTI-FUNCTION SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUS (MFSAB)

- A multi-function school activity bus (MFSAB) is a school bus that meets all federal requirements for a school bus, except it lacks traffic control devices, like alternating flashing lights and stop arms.
  - MFSABs may not be used for street pick-up/drop-off of students.
  - It is sometimes hard to distinguish a MFSAB from a non-school bus.
  - Check the vehicle certification label to be sure it states Multi-Function School Activity Bus or MFSAB as the type.



Check the vehicle certification label states MFSAB.



Could be small or large bus.



## PROGRESS CHECK

- Where is the vehicle certification label found?
- What is the importance of the vehicle certification label?
- At what GVWR must a school bus be equipped with seat belts?
- What is the difference between a school bus and a multi-function school activity bus?



## NOTES

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