

Directions Issued by Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana for School Buses and Provision of Rule 114(A)

- School Bus must be prominently written on the back and front of every bus carrying school children.
- If it is a hired bus, "ON SCHOOL DUTY" should be prominently displayed.
- No bus belonging an educational institution should carry children excess of its permitted seating capacity.
- Bus must have a first aid box.
- Windows of the bus must be fitted with horizontal grills.
- There must be fire extinguisher in every bus.
- School name and telephone number must be written on the bus.
- Doors of the bus should be fitted with reliable locks.
- Every drivers of a school bus must have a minimum experience of five years driving heavy vehicles and must not have any previous record of traffic offences.
- In addition to the driver, there must be another qualified person in every school bus as provided in Rule 17 of Motor Vehicle Rules.
- To keep school bags safety, there should be space provided under the seats.
- There should be an escort from the school in the bus, preferably a teacher to ensure safety norms.
- Every vehicle, bus van, other transport shall be permitted to carry school children if it holds a proper permit.
- All the vehicles shall be road worthy and carry annual fitness certificate. All the school buses shall carry insurance certificate.
- All drivers and conductors of the school buses shall wear proper uniform and name license number of the said driver and conductor.
- The bus driver shall have proper and valid license during the time of employment/engagement.
- All the school buses shall carry valid pollution under control certificate.
- The school buses/vehicles shall not be permitted to exceed the speed of maximum 50 KMPH in any part of the city.
- The buses shall carry a board showing the name of the school, route and timings which shall be displayed conspicuously on the front of the bus.
- The education institution shall control and man the traffic in and around the school through their own man power.
- In addition to the compliance of following point may also be ensure by administrative authority of the schools:-
 - Name, home address with telephone number of diver must be recorded in your record.
 - School bus should be inspected by school authority from time to time.
 - In case of any lapse/guilt by driver for not following the directions of the Hon'ble High Court the matter should be reported to police by school authorities.
 - A list of the school buses drivers with full detail must be forwarded to SHOs concerned.

PROVISION OF RULE 114 (A)

- 114-A. The owner of bus and the head of the management of educational of educational institution while carrying school children shall comply with the following directions namely:-
- The school buses shall be properly maintained, should be road worthy, should possess the certificate of fitness and insurance certificate, not emanate smoke beyond permissible limit. It should be manned by trained, experienced and well versed driver provided with attendant or conductor.
- Every vehicle, bus, van or such other means of transport, carrying school children shall hold a proper permit/permission.
- The bus driver engaged should have at least 5 years driving experience.
- The bus driver should not have been challaned more than three times for traffic violation like jumping red light, improper parking, violating stop line, unauthorized lane changing, overtaking etc. and ought not to have been challaned for an offence under Section 279, 336, 337, 338, 304A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, during the period of requisite experience of 5 Years.
- All School buses shall have a conductor or an attendant. The attendant should be adequately trained to handle the young children.
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- All schools having parking area inside the boundary wall shall ensure that the children are dropped inside the boundary wall of the school by buses.
- All educational vehicles shall carry First-Aid-Box and Fire Extinguisher as required under the rules.
- The buses shall carry a boards.
- Showing name of the school, route and timings which shall be displayed conspicuously on the front of the bus.
- The conductors and drivers of the school buses shall be subject to a refresher course at least once in two years to be arranged by the Transport Department. It shall be obligation of the registered owner of the bus and school to ensure that the drivers and conductors undergo for the required refresher courses within the stipulated period.
- The drivers of all the vehicles shall be subjected to medical fitness by the Civil Surgeon of the District which may be arranged for the purpose once in five years.
- All drivers and conductors of the educational vehicles shall wear proper uniform and name plate showing the name and license number of the driver and the conductor. No educational vehicle shall carry children in excess of 1.5 times of its registered seating capacity.
- The educational institution shall control and man the traffic through own manpower in and around the school premises.

In case of any violation, the vehicle shall be challaned/seized under Section 207 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 by the authorized Enforcement Officer of the Transport Department.