



STATE OF ALABAMA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

**FROM:** Eric G. Mackey *EGM*  
State Superintendent of Education

**SUBJECT:** *Alabama Minimum Specifications for School Buses for 2024*

The *Alabama Minimum Specifications for School Buses for 2024* document has been posted to the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) website at [www.alabamaachieves.org](http://www.alabamaachieves.org) under Teachers and Administrators/Transportation/Minimum Specifications. In the past, changes to the minimum specifications were noted on the “specifications changes” page at the front of the document; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no changes were made to this year’s specifications. The specifications may be copied, as necessary. Hard copies of the specifications will be provided to all school systems as ALSDE instructors and inspectors visit school systems across the state.

The 2024 minimum specifications are effective and mandatory for all school buses ordered by Alabama school systems beginning April 1, 2023. Buses ordered prior to the effective date of the new specifications may comply with the 2023 specifications. Buses not meeting these requirements will not be certified by the ALSDE and may not be used to transport students; therefore, this document should be forwarded to your system transportation supervisor immediately. You should also ensure that your supervisor, shop foreman, and other appropriate staff are familiar with its contents. These specifications have also been provided to all Alabama school bus dealers.

As always, I appreciate your cooperation in making Alabama’s school buses the safest way to transport students. If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Mr. Chad Carpenter, Administrator of Pupil Transportation, or Mr. Bobby Beane, Inspection Program Supervisor, at 334-694-4545.

EGM/CC/FT

- cc: City and County Transportation Supervisors
- Alabama School Bus Specifications Committee Members
- Selected Junior, Community and Technical College Presidents
- Contract Supervisors
- School Bus Dealers
- Dr. Brandon Payne
- Mr. Chad Carpenter
- Mr. Bobby Beane

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