USED SCHOOL BUSES
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BUYING

SCHOOL DISTRICTS/PRIVATE SCHOOLS:
Kansas Schools should use caution when purchasing used school buses. School bus specifications vary greatly from state to state. Kansas law requires all school buses sold in the state to meet all Kansas specifications and the law requires a verification statement attesting to this be obtained from the seller prior to purchasing. The statement form can be found on the KSDE (Kansas State Department of Education) School Bus Safety Unit's website.

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INDIVIDUALS:
Individuals who purchase a used school bus are responsible and required under Kansas law to make certain modifications to the bus. In ALL cases where the school bus is no longer being used to transport students home to school or school to home, the "SCHOOL BUS" lettering on the front and back bulk heads of the bus must be removed or covered up. Kansas law requires the school bus to be painted a color other than school bus yellow. Kansas law requires the stop arm to be removed from the side of the bus.

Exceptions to stop arm and color modifications:

- A church bus or day care program bus does not need to remove the stop arm.
- Any not-for-profit organization does not need to repaint the bus

KSA 72-6496, KSA 8-1556, KSA 8-1730a

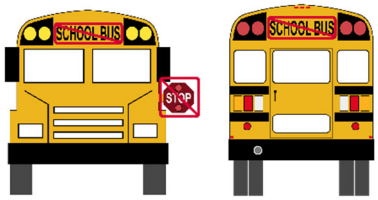
SELLING

School Districts/Private Schools:
School buses no longer needed by a school district may be disposed of by the board upon the affirmative recorded vote of not less than a majority of the members of the board at a regular meeting. The board may dispose of the property in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the board deems to be in the best interest of the school district. Although not required by law, it is recommended when selling a used school bus, the district/private school remove their identification from the side of the bus.

KSA 72-3216

25-YEAR RULE

School Districts/Private Schools:
Kansas law prohibits the use of a school bus for home to school, school to home transportation once it has reached 25 years of age based on the date of manufacture. If the school elects to keep a school bus and use it for an activity bus, the stop arm shall be removed, the "School Bus" lettering from the front and back bulkhead shall be removed or covered up, the eight-way light lenses should be changed to all amber lenses in the front and all red lenses to the rear. The 25-year rule only applies to school buses. It does not apply to activity buses or school passenger vehicles. All school buses, activity buses and school passenger vehicles used to transport students shall pass the KSDE inspection process.



KSA 8-2009a, KSA 72-6486

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72-6496. Used school buses; purchaser's duty to modify; exceptions. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), any individual, firm, partnership, association or corporation who purchases a motor vehicle, which was operated by the seller thereof as a school bus, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1461, and any amendments thereto, is hereby required to repaint such vehicle a color other than yellow and disassemble and remove the "stop arm" therefrom and disconnect all flashing or rotating warning lights on such vehicle before it is operated on the public highways of this state for any purpose other than those set forth in the definitions of a school bus referred to in K.S.A. 8-1461, and amendments thereto.
(b) The provisions of subsection (a), shall not apply to a bus being used as a church bus or day care program bus, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1730a, and amendments thereto.
(c) Any not-for-profit organization, purchasing a used school bus under subsection (a), shall not be required to repaint such bus.

History: L. 1968, ch. 88, § 1; L. 1975, ch. 33, § 11; L. 1978, ch. 40, § 2; L. 1980, ch. 43, § 4; L. 2001, ch. 142, § 3; July 1.

72-3216. Kindergarten, grade and unit of instruction requirements; alternative provision; general powers of boards; attendance subdistricts; disposition of unneeded property; acquisition of property. (a) (1) Subject to provision (2) of this subsection, every unified school district shall maintain, offer and teach kindergarten and grades one through 12 and shall offer and teach at least 30 units of instruction for pupils enrolled in grades nine through 12 in each high school operated by the board of education. The units of instruction, to qualify for the purpose of this section, shall have the prior approval of the state board of education.
(2) Any unified school district which has discontinued kindergarten, any grade or unit of instruction under authority of K.S.A. 72-13,101, and amendments thereto, and has entered into an agreement with another unified school district for the provision of kindergarten or any such grade or unit of instruction has complied with the kindergarten, grade and unit of instruction requirements of this section.
(b) The board of education shall adopt all necessary rules and regulations for the government and conduct of its schools, consistent with the laws of the state.
(c) The board of education may divide the district into subdistricts for purposes of attendance by pupils.
(d) The board of education shall have the title to and the care and keeping of all school buildings and other school property belonging to the district. The board may open any or all school buildings for community purposes and may adopt rules and regulations governing use of school buildings for those purposes. School buildings and other school properties no longer needed by the school district may be disposed of by the board upon the affirmative recorded vote of not less than a majority of the members of the board at a regular meeting. The board may dispose of the property in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the board deems to be in the best interest of the school district. Conveyances of school buildings and other school properties shall be executed by the president of the board and attested by the clerk.
(e) The board shall have the power to acquire personal and real property by purchase, gift or the exercise of the power of eminent domain in accordance with K.S.A. 72-1144, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1963, ch. 393, § 22; L. 1965, ch. 410, § 16; L. 1969, ch. 310, § 54; L. 1982, ch. 301, § 2; L. 1983, ch. 242, § 1; L. 1984, ch. 261, § 14; L. 1984, ch. 262, § 4; L. 1989, ch. 220, § 1; L. 1991, ch. 220, § 4; July 1.

8-1556. Overtaking and passing school bus; actuation of visual signals by driver of bus, when; required school bus markings. (a) The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall stop before reaching such school bus when there is in operation on the school bus the flashing red lights specified in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-1730, and amendments thereto, and the driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion or the flashing red lights and the stop signal arm are no longer actuated.
(b) Every school bus shall be equipped with red visual signals meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 8-1730, and amendments thereto, which may be actuated by the driver of the school bus whenever but only whenever such vehicle is stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children. A school bus driver shall not actuate the special visual signals:
(1) At intersections or other places where traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals or police officers; or
(2) in designated school bus loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway.
(c) Every school bus shall bear upon the front and rear thereof plainly visible signs containing the words "school bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height. When a school bus is being operated upon a highway for purposes other than the actual transportation of children either to or from school or to or from interschool or intraschool functions or activities, or for maintenance, repair or storage purposes all markings thereon indicating "school bus" shall be covered or concealed.
(d) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or when upon a controlled-access highway and the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.
(e) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions contained in K.S.A. 8-2009a, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1974, ch. 33, § 8-1556; L. 1975, ch. 39, § 10; L. 1975, ch. 427, § 23; L. 1976, ch. 40, § 6; L. 1997, ch. 133, § 4; L. 2002, ch. 169, § 1; July 1.

8-1730a. Definitions of "church bus" and "day care program bus"; equipment and markings. (a) As used in chapter 8 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, "church bus" means every bus owned by a religious organization, and operated for the transportation of persons to or from services or activities of such religious organization. As used in this section, "religious organization" means any organization, church, body of communicants or group, gathered in common membership for mutual edification in piety, worship and religious observances, or a society of individuals united for religious purposes at a definite place.
(b) As used in chapter 8 of Kansas Statutes Annotated "day care program" means the same as is ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 39-1006, and amendments thereto, and "day care program bus" means every bus used primarily to carry out functions of a day care program or used by a child care facility licensed by the Kansas department of health and environment who provides transportation for children six through 18 years of age.
(c) Any church bus or day care program bus, in addition to any other equipment and distinctive markings required by law, may be equipped with: (1) Signal lamps which conform to the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1730, and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto; and (2) a stop signal arm which conforms to requirements applicable to school buses which have been adopted by rules and regulations of the state board of education.

History: L. 1978, ch. 40, § 3; L. 1980, ch. 43, § 2; L. 1994, ch. 201, § 4; L. 2001, ch. 142, § 4; July 1.