

Appendix B to Rule 5101:2-12-14

Licensed Center Vehicle Requirements

1. Effective until January 1, 2017:

- a. Centers that are issued a provisional license after September 1, 2008 shall not be permitted to use converted cargo vans or passenger vans designed by the manufacturer to carry ten or more passengers. This applies to all vehicles that are owned, leased or contracted.
- b. Centers that replace or add a vehicle shall not be permitted to use converted cargo vans or passenger vans designed by the manufacturer to carry ten or more passengers. This applies to all vehicles that are owned, leased or contracted.
- c. Vehicles used for transporting children which are purchased, leased or contracted after September 1, 2008 are required by the United States department of transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacture or assembly, shall have factory installed passenger restraint anchorages and passenger restraints that are suitable for transporting children of any age. "Factory installed" means installed by the manufacturer or retrofitting that is accompanied by a certification document from the manufacturer. Add-on restraints such as infant carriers, car seats or booster seats are designed to be installed by the end user and are not subject to these requirements.
- d. All vehicles operated by the center or driven by the center staff, or vehicles used by contractors for transporting children for routine trips or field trips shall be mechanically safe and shall receive an annual safety check from an automotive service excellence (ASE) certified mechanic. A vehicle sticker issued from the Ohio state highway patrol indicating the vehicle has passed a school bus or personal vehicle inspection may be used to meet this requirement. School buses and multifunction school activity buses which are inspected and licensed by the Ohio state highway patrol are exempt from the annual safety check required in this rule.

2. Effective January 1, 2017:

- a. Centers may use any of the following vehicles to transport children:
 - i. School buses as defined in section 4511.01 ORC.
 - ii. Multi-function school-activity buses.
 - iii. Vehicles designed by the manufacturer to carry nine or fewer passengers.
- b. No program shall transport children in converted cargo vans or passenger vans designed by the manufacturer to carry ten or more passengers.
- c. Vehicles used for transporting children which are purchased, leased or contracted after September 1, 2008 and are required by the United States department of transportation to be equipped with seat belts at the time of manufacturing or assembly, shall have factory installed passenger restraint anchorages and passenger restraints that are suitable for the use in transporting children of any

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- d. All vehicles operated by the center or driven by the center staff, or vehicles used by contractors for transporting children for routine trips or field trips shall be mechanically safe and shall receive an annual safety check from an automotive service excellence (ASE) certified mechanic. A vehicle sticker issued from the Ohio state highway patrol indicating the vehicle has passed a school bus or personal vehicle inspection may be used to meet this requirement. School buses and multifunction school activity buses which are inspected and licensed by the Ohio state highway patrol are exempt from the annual safety check required in this rule.