

California School Bus Lettering Basic Checklist

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SCHOOL BUS sign	Yes	No
LOCATED ABOVE FRONT WINDSHIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATED ABOVE REAR WINDOWS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT LESS THAN 8 INCHES IN HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STOP WHEN RED LIGHTS FLASH		
LOCATED ON REAR OF BUS, BELOW WINDOWS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLAINLY VISIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS AT LEAST 6 INCHES IN HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS 6" FROM ANY MANUFACTURER LOGO OR SIGN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS 6" AWAY FROM ANY BUS UNIT NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CARRIER NAME		
LOCATED BELOW SIDE WINDOWS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(PROJECT) NO LESS THAN 4" AND NO MORE THAN 6" IN HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STYLE OF LETTERING IS READABLE AT 50 FEET	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS 6" AWAY FROM ANY MANUFACTURER LOGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS 6" AWAY FROM ANY BUS UNIT NUMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS 12" AWAY FROM ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNS* ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, STRIPES, SLOGANS, GRAPHICS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* 1 Additional Signs are signs consisting of numbers, letters or illustrations with contents limited to special identification, busrouting information, warning against unauthorized entry, or sign of sponsor's donation of a school bus. They are placed on side of bus below passenger window.

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CARRIER ID NUMBER (CA Number)	Yes	No
LOCATED CENTER OF CARRIER NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATED WITHIN 24" OF CARRIER NAME	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PROJECT AT LEAST 2" HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNIT BUS NUMBERS		
LOCATED ON REAR OF BUS BELOW PASSENGER WINDOW GLASS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATED ON FRONT OF BUS BELOW PASSENGER WINDOW GLASS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 LOCATED ON EACH SIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(OPTIONAL) IF OVER 30FT- 2 CAN BE LOCATED ON EACH SIDE * ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(OPTIONAL) BUS BUILT BEFORE 1-1992 CAN BE ON ALL 4 CORNERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALL NUMBERS PROJECT A HEIGHT OF AT LEAST 4"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING 6" AWAY FROM ANY MANUFACTURER LOGO OR BUS SIGN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS 12 INCHES AWAY FROM ANY ADDITIONAL SIGNS * ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING EXTERIOR		
ALL EMERGENCY WINDOWS ARE LABELED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMERGENCY EXIT LABEL LOCATED AT TOP OR ABOVE EMERGENCY EXIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BACKGROUND IS NSBY or WHITE IF LOCATED ON PAINTED WHITE ROOF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING EXTERIOR (CONT.)	Yes	No
LETTERING IS PROJECTED AT 2" IN HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WINDOW EXITS OUTLINED IN 1" RETROREFLECTIVE TAPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALL EMERGENCY DOORS ARE LABELED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMERGENCY EXIT LABEL LOCATED AT TOP OR ABOVE EMERGENCY DOOR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS BLACK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BACKGROUND IS NSBY (WHITE IF LOCATED ON PAINTED WHITE ROOF)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING IS PROJECTED AT 2" IN HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DOOR EXITS OUTLINED IN 1" RETROREFLECTIVE TAPE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ARROWS AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS AT ALL EMERGENCY EXITS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INSTRUCTIONS ARE BLACK LETTERING, CONTRAST BACKGROUND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROOF HATCH IS OUTLINED IN 1" REFLECTIVE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ROOF HATCH IN LABELED FOR EMERGENCY EXIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GOOD LEGIBLE CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING INTERIOR		
"EMERGENCY EXIT" OR "EMERGENCY DOOR" LETTERS 2" HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCATED AT TOP OR ABOVE EACH EMERGENCY EXIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTERING CONTRAST WITH BACKGROUND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONCISE INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATING EACH EMERGENCY EXIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*³ Roof hatch "Emergency Exit" letters have no color or height requirement as long as they have manufacturers operating instructions

EMERGENCY EXIT LABELING INTERIOR(CONT.)	Yes	No
OPERATING INSTRUCTION LETTERING CONTRASTS WITH BACKGROUND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS LETTERING MINIMUM 1/2" HEIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS ARE WITHIN 6" OF RELEASE MECHANISM	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"DO NOT BLOCK" LABEL AT TOP OR ABOVE ALL EMERGENCY EXITS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"DO NOT BLOCK" LETTERING AT LEAST 1" IN HEIGHT * 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*⁴ “DO NOT BLOCK” signs are needed on buses that have 2 or more wheelchair anchorage points

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