
Prohibition of 12 and 15 Passenger Vans

On August 10, 2005, President Bush signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Pub. Law 109-59.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/summary.htm>

- A. Federal law prohibits schools and school districts from purchasing or leasing new 15- passenger vans for use in transporting students to and from school and school-related activities. The relevant provision is codified at 49 U.S.C. 30112(a)(2). On August 10, 2005, P.L. 109-59, the "Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users" (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted. Section 10309 states in part:
 - 1. A school or school system may not purchase or lease a new 15-passenger van if it will be used significantly by, or on behalf of, the school or school system to transport preprimary, primary, or secondary school students to or from school or an event related to school, unless the 15-passenger van complies with the motor vehicle standards prescribed for school buses and multifunction school activity buses under this title.
- B. For purposes of Section 10309, 15-passenger van is defined as: "a vehicle that seats 10 to 14 passengers, not including the driver." This means that a school district would be prohibited from purchasing a new 12-passenger van for school transportation purposes. A vehicle with a total of ten designated seating positions or less would not be covered by the prohibitions, regardless of whether the vehicle was built on a 15-passenger van chassis.
- C. 49 U.S.C. 30112(a)(1) prohibits dealers from selling non-school bus certified buses to any entities for the purpose of transporting students. That is, a dealer may not sell a new bus that will be used for transporting students to and from school or school related activities if the bus does not meet the FMVSS for school buses. A bus is defined at 49 CFR 571.3 as "a motor vehicle with motive power, except a trailer, designed for carrying more than 10 persons."
- D. NHTSA strongly recommends that all buses that are used to transport school children be certified as meeting NHTSA's school bus safety standards. School buses are one of the safest forms of transportation in this country and NHTSA encourages school districts to carefully consider the possible consequences of transporting students in vehicles that do not comply with the school bus standards, such as the additional safety risks associated with use of a vehicle that is not equipped with a stop arm and other school bus lighting when loading or unloading children along the roadway.



The use of 12 and 15 passenger rated vans for student transportation violates federal and state law.

Rated Capacity

The rated capacity can be found on the Tire and Loading Information sticker which is normally located on the inside driver's door. The passenger rating is determined by the vehicle manufacturer and cannot be changed by anyone other than the manufacturer. It is illegal for the school district or anyone other than a manufacturer to remove seats from the van to meet the mandated passenger requirement for student transportation. This would apply to both the school district and/or dealership if the intention is to circumvent the mandated passenger rating school transportation.



TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION

SEATING CAPACITY, TOTAL: 10 FRONT: 2 REAR: 8

The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed: **1257 kg or 2772 lbs.**

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TIRE	SIZE	COLD TIRE PRESSURE	SEE OWNERS MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
FRONT	235/65R16C 121/119R	340 KPA, 49 PSI	
REAR	235/65R16C 121/119R	490 KPA, 71 PSI	
SPARE	235/65R16C 121/119R	490 KPA, 71 PSI	

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Van vs Bus

This is a Van	These are buses
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A van will have sliding or a cargo style door for additional passenger entry 12 & 15 Passenger Rated Vans are illegal for student transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A bus will have a service door and a stepwell for passenger entry Buses are rated for more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver. Buses rated 10-14 passengers do not require a commercial driver's license (CDL). A Class D-Non CDL is required to operate these vehicles.

Tire and Load Stickers

Any **VAN** used for student transportation shall have a legible tire and load sticker applied by the manufacturer indicating a passenger rating of 10 passengers or less.

The vehicle shall not have any attachment/access points and/or tracks for additional passenger seats. This excludes vans designed for wheelchairs.



Second Stage Manufacturer/Converter

Presently, no new vehicle manufacturer is producing a gas powered, 10 passenger rated van. An available option for schools to purchase a 10-passenger rated van is by using a reputable, licensed, second stage manufacturer.

The second stage manufacturer takes a NEW VAN, still on a Manufacturers Certificate/Statement of Origin, which may or may not have a passenger rating, altering the vehicle per ALL applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Federal and State Laws necessary to produce a 10-passenger rated van. The second stage manufacturer then certifies the passenger rating and applies the appropriate Tire and Load sticker. The school SHALL NOT purchase or take possession of any van until the second stage manufacturer completes the work and applies the appropriate Tire and Load sticker with the 10-passenger rating.

Keep in mind that federal and state laws pertain to the passenger rating necessary for legal and safe transportation of students. The requirements for reputable stage manufacture are paramount in the event the vehicle is involved in a crash.



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The combined weight of occupants, and cargo should never exceed 2772 lbs. (1257 kg) or 2772 lbs. (1257 kg)

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THIS VEHICLE WAS ALTERED BY:
DRIVERGE VEHICLE INNOVATIONS
30 FUNSTON RD KC KANSAS

IN: MO. 06 YR. 2023

AND AS ALTERED IT CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S.A. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY, BUMPER AND THEFT PREVENTION STANDARDS AFFECTED BY THE ALTERATION AND IN EFFECT IN:

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COMPLETE BELOW IF GVWR, GAWR, OR VEHICLE TYPE IS CHANGED OR ALTERED

GVWR: 4,196 KG(9,250 LB)

GAWR-FRONT: 1,873 KG(4,130 LB)

GAWR-INTERMEDIATE (1): KG(LB)

GAWR-INTERMEDIATE (2): KG(LB)

GAWR-REAR: 2,622 KG(5,780 LB)

VEHICLE TYPE: MPV
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SUITABLE TIRE-RIM CHOICE

FRONT: 235/65R16C TIRES, 16X6.5J RIMS, @ 360 KPA SINGLE (52 PSI) COLD

INTERMEDIATE (1): TIRES, KPA (PSI) COLD

INTERMEDIATE (2): TIRES, KPA (PSI) COLD

REAR: 235/65R16C TIRES, 16X6.5J RIMS, @ 520 KPA SINGLE (75 PSI) COLD