

**169.441 SCHOOL BUS IDENTIFICATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Identification and signal requirements, generally.** For purposes of sections 169.441 to 169.448, school bus means a motor vehicle that is outwardly equipped and identified as a school bus. A motor vehicle that satisfies the identification requirements of this section and the signal equipment requirements of section 169.442 is considered outwardly equipped and identified as a school bus.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1994 c 647 art 12 s 43]

Subd. 2a. **Head Start bus; color; identification.** (a) A Head Start bus is exempt from the color requirements of this chapter.

(b) A type A, B, C, or D Head Start bus must bear on its front and rear a plainly visible sign containing the words "Head Start bus" in letters at least eight inches in height.

Subd. 3. **Sign on bus; application of other law.** Sections 169.443, subdivision 2; and 169.444, subdivisions 1, 4, and 5, apply only if the school bus bears on its front and rear a plainly visible sign containing the words "school bus" in letters at least eight inches in height.

Except as provided in section 169.443, subdivision 8, the sign must be removed or covered when the vehicle is being used as other than a school bus.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 9 art 10 s 14]

Subd. 5. **Optional markings; rules.** A school district may elect to show on the front and rear of the school buses that it owns or contracts for, a plainly visible, summary message explaining section 169.444, subdivisions 1 and 2. If the school district elects to display the message, it must conform with the rules of the commissioner of public safety. The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the size, type, design, display, and content of the summary message that may be shown.

**History:** 1991 c 277 s 3; 1992 c 516 s 1; 1994 c 603 s 4,5; 1994 c 647 art 12 s 15; 1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13; 1996 c 398 s 55; 1Sp2003 c 9 art 10 s 13