

school bus milestones

The first all-steel body bus is built by Wayne Works.

1930

The National Conference on School Transportation meets for the first time, producing "Minimum Standards for School Buses" and sets "National Chrome Yellow" as the standard school bus color.

1939



Most states have laws requiring cars to stop for school buses as they load and unload passengers.

1945

10 MILLION



The number of school children transported to school at public expense passes the 10 million mark.

1956

A school bus designed to accommodate wheelchairs begins transporting special-needs students to school in San Lorenzo, CA.



1957

1966

The Highway Safety Act and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act mark federal government entry into school bus regulation.



1975

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act expands the role of those who transport special-needs students.

1977



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) sets new safety, performance and design standards the school bus.

1991



Stop arms are required on all new school buses, minimizing the risk of vehicles passing a stopped school bus and striking pedestrians.

1992

Commercial Driver's Licensing is required for all school bus drivers.

1996

Federal drug and alcohol testing is required for all school bus drivers.



NHTSA creates new guidelines for transporting toddlers and pre-K children.

1998

NHTSA requires higher seat backs, lap and shoulder belts on small school buses, performance requirements for compartmentalization standards and improved safety to belted occupants.

2008

New school buses run 95% cleaner than their predecessors due to Environmental Protection Agency standards.



2010



NHTSA reports that adding seat belts on school buses are decisions that state and local governments should make for themselves.

2011

2014

26 MILLION



Over 26 million students depend on the school bus to get to and from school each day.

2015

NHTSA Administrator encourages the use of three-point seat belts on all new school buses.

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