



WSP/OSPI Inspection Interpretations (March 2025)

1. Inspection Timeframes:

Summer: 3/15 — 8/31, Winter: 11/1 — 3/14.

2. Lighting:

It has been brought to our attention that some buses are arriving with lighting on both sides of the bus (see below) that does not meet our specifications. Some buses were inadvertently issued initial inspection forms with these lights on them before we became aware of them. These lights will need to be removed.



3. Pole Vaults:

- a. It is recommended that pole vaults be transported in “modified” exterior storage compartments whenever possible.
- b. Transporting pole vaults that are *securely* fastened (no bungee cords) underneath passenger seats next to the interior wall or to the outer seat legs is acceptable if no portion of the poles extend in front of an emergency exit or into the bus aisle.



4. Brakes

a. **Brakes (Pg 12, Spec Manual)**

~~Every school bus shall be equipped with service brakes to produce a braking efficiency that complies with RCW 46.37.351. (See Appendix, Page 74, Item 17.)~~

b. **Brakes (Pg 74, Item 17, Spec Manual)**

~~[RCW 46.37.351 Performance ability of brakes.](#) (delete hyperlink)~~

c. **2019 School Bus and Traffic Safety Education Vehicle Inspection Manual**

Pg i - Removed text "The braking efficiency" on bullet point 1

Pg 34 - Removed Vericom Testing Procedures

Pg 40- Removed "Braking efficiency found to be less than 60%." From OOS Criteria

Pg 53 - Removed Braking efficiency less than required (driver or instructor brake)
(43.5%)

Pg 67 - Removed Braking efficiency chart.

