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## *Iowa School Bus Inspection Results*

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### PURPOSE:

The "Inspection Results" spreadsheet(s) document the school bus inspection results for every school transportation provider in the State of Iowa for the last full semester per the heading on the spreadsheet. Before trying to interpret the results, please read the following explanations to better understand the numbers and to familiarize yourself with the terms being used.

**NOTE: For specific inspection details and/or results concerning a particular bus, vehicle or agency, you will need to contact the particular agency to which it pertains.**

### EXPLANATION OF TERMS:

#### **Note Items**

Note items are very minor concerns. In most cases it indicates an upcoming concern with a particular item. For an example, tires must have at least 4/32" of tread on the front tires, measured at three separate points, to pass inspection. If the inspector finds a front tire with 5/32" of tread, the tire will still pass inspection since it has more tread than required. However the inspector is simply making a "note" indicating to the transportation agency that this particular tire needs to be watched and will soon need replacing.

#### **30-Day Repair Items**

30-day repair items are things that need to be fixed within 30 days, but are clearly not major issues concerning the safety of the vehicle. Vehicles with these repair items can still be used for student transportation for up to 30 calendar days. Some of these items would include torn seat covers, a loose first aid kit mounting bracket, or a headlight that only works on one beam, either high or low. There are hundreds of inspection items that can fall into this category.

#### **Out-Of-Service Items**

Out-of-service items are things that need to be fixed before the vehicle can again be used for student transportation. These items are clearly severe issues that do impact the immediate safety of the vehicle. Some of these items would include a missing first aid kit, a headlight that does not work on any beam, either high or low, or a front tire that measures less than 4/32" of tread. There are hundreds of inspection items that can fall into this category.

### COLOR CODING:

**Green** – indicates conditions for a vehicle deemed safe for student transportation

**Yellow** - indicates conditions for a vehicle deemed safe for student transportation but needs some minor repairs within 30 days

**Red** – indicates conditions for a vehicle deemed unsafe for student transportation and needs immediate repairs

Column A:

**Name of Agency**

This is the name of the agency providing school transportation. This agency had student transportation vehicles that were inspected during the last full semester. School bus inspections occur twice every 12-month period in the State of Iowa, and are facilitated by Iowa Department of Education school bus inspectors along with assistance from the Iowa State Patrol.

Column B:

**Total Number of Vehicles Inspected**

This is the total number of vehicles inspected during the last full semester for the named agency. This will include both school buses and Type III vehicles that were inspected.

Column C:

**Total Number of Vehicles Passed**

This is the total number of vehicles at the given location that passed the inspection without any 30-day repair items, or out-of-service items. Vehicles with note items are considered to have passed the inspection.

Column D:

**Total Number of Vehicles With At Least One 30-day Repair Item**

This is the total number of vehicles at the given location that had at least one 30-day repair item as the most serious concern.

Column E:

**Total Number of Vehicles With At Least One Out-Of-Service Item**

This is the total number of vehicles at the given location that had at least one out-of-service item as the most serious concern.

Column F:

**Fleet Total / Note Items**

This is the total number of note items across the entire fleet at the given location.

Column G:

**Fleet Total / 30-Day Repair Items**

This is the total number of 30-day repair items across the entire fleet at the given location.

**Column H:**

**Fleet Total / Out-Of-Service Items**

This is the total number of out-of-service items across the entire fleet at the given location.

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