

## PART 19 - SCHOOL BUSES

### 1901. School buses - equipped with supplementary brake retarders.

- (1) (a) On and after July 1, 1991, except as provided in Paragraph (a) of Subsection (2) of this Section, passengers of any school bus being used on mountainous terrain by any school district of the State shall not occupy the front row of seats and any seats located next to the emergency doors of such school bus during the period of such use.
- (b) For purposes of this Section, *mountainous terrain* shall include, but shall not be limited to, any road or street which the Colorado Department of Transportation has designated as being located on mountainous terrain.
- (2) The provisions of paragraph (a) of Subsection (1) of this Section shall not apply to:
  - (a) Passengers of any school bus which is equipped with retarders of appropriate capacity for purposes of supplementing any service brake systems of such school bus; or
  - (b) Any passenger who is adequately restrained in a fixed position pursuant to federal and state standards.
- (3) For purposes of this Section and Section 1902:
  - (a) *Mountainous terrain* means that condition where longitudinal and transverse changes in the elevation of the ground with respect to a road or street are abrupt and where benching and side hill excavation are frequently required to obtain acceptable horizontal and vertical alignment.
  - (b) *School bus* means any bus used to transport students to and from school or a school-sponsored activity, whether said activity occurs within or without the territorial limits of any district and whether or not occurring during school hours. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

### 1902. School bus drivers - special training required.

On and after July 1, 1992, the driver of any school bus, as defined in Section 1901(3)(b), owned or operated by or for any school district in this State shall have successfully completed training, approved by the Department of Education, concerning driving on mountainous terrain, as defined in Section 1901(3)(a), and driving in adverse weather conditions. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1)

**1903. School buses - stops - signs - passing.**

- (1) The driver of a vehicle upon any highway, road or street, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped, shall stop his or her vehicle before reaching such school bus if there are in operation on said school bus visual signal lights as specified in Subsection (2) of this Section, and said driver shall not proceed until the visual signal lights are no longer being actuated; but, in the case of small passenger-type vehicles operated as school buses having a seating capacity of not more than fifteen (15), no such visual signal lights need be displayed or actuated.
  
- (2) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway. For the purposes of this Section, *highway with separate roadways* means a highway that is divided into two (2) or more roadways by a depressed, raised or painted median or other intervening space serving as a clearly indicated dividing section or island. (Ord. 016, 2003 §1; Ord. 097, 2009 §40; Ord. 119, 2011, §18)

**1904. Reserved.**