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DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL BUSES

TYPE A

A Type A school bus is a conversion bus constructed utilizing a cutaway front section vehicle with a left side driver's door. This definition includes two classifications:

Type A-1, with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 14,500 pounds or less; and
Type A-2, with a GVWR greater than 14,500 pounds. All Type A buses shall have dual rear wheels.



TYPE C

A Type C school bus is constructed utilizing a chassis with a hood and front fender assembly. The entrance door is behind the front wheels-also known as a conventional style school bus. This type also includes the cutaway truck chassis or truck chassis with cab with or without a left side door and with a GVWR greater than 21,500 pounds.



TYPE D

A Type D school bus is a body installed upon a chassis, with the engine mounted in the front, mid bus, or rear with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds. The engine may be behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat; it may be at the rear