



Iowa Pupil Transportation Association
November 1, 2013

**The Iowa Pupil Transportation Association has taken a
position on the Iowa School Bus Inspection Process.**

The National Safety Council estimates that there are 310,000 school buses transporting students covering approximately 2,500,000 miles annually.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says that riding a school bus is the safest way for your children to travel to and from school.

The American School Bus Council also supports that the school bus is the safest way to get to school.

Iowa Code 321.374 requires an initial and an annual inspection of school buses.

Iowa Administrative Code 281.43.30(285) directs the Department of Education to perform semi-annual inspection of all school buses in Iowa.

The inspection of approximately 7,500 buses is completed by three Department of Education Inspectors.

The Iowa Pupil Transportation Association and its membership support the continued efforts of the Iowa Department of Education's School Bus Inspection program, process and the criteria it uses.

The school bus inspection process insures that the vehicles in Iowa help to provide a safe transportation environment for the students in the Iowa Educational systems.

The Iowa Pupil Transportation Association concludes that the support of the Iowa Department of Education school bus inspection process is important and essential so that Iowa school districts can provide safe and effective transportation services.