



# Queen Anne's County Public Schools

Preparing World-Class Students Through Everyday Excellence

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## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

CONTRACTOR/COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ BUS: \_\_\_\_\_

Queen Anne's County Public Schools is trying to reduce and/or eliminate decorations and other hazardous items being placed inside our school buses by our bus drivers. In compliance with MVA regulations, no item(s) are to be hung up in a school bus. The interior of the bus, driver's compartment, stairwell and crash barriers are covered in fire-resistant rubber – as well as the flooring covering the aisle and the steps which are covered in one continuous piece of fire-resistant, nonskid-wear-resistant rubber. Because of this, the complete interior of the bus, including the dashboard, must be free of all projectiles, except those required for the installation of equipment approved by the Administrations. Even pictures and drawings would add a fire hazard to the bus. Decorating a bus, whether inside or outside, is strictly prohibited by state law. No decoration of any kind (this includes balloons, banners, streamers, tinsel, garland, etc.) are permitted. The form was vetted by Gerard Albright, MVA School Vehicle Safety Section Manager.

1. <b>Violation of COMAR 11.19.02.18 Body Construction – Internal</b> A. Projections from ceiling B. Projections from dash	<b><u>Buses in Violation:</u></b>
2. <b>Violation of COMAR 11.19.02.25 Emergency Equipment</b> A. Fire extinguisher blocked by trash can or other container	
3. <b>Violation of COMAR 11.19.02.11 Instruments</b> A. Fobs and/or decorations hanging and/or blocking visibility of instruments and gauges	
4. <b>Violation of COMAR 11.19.02.11 Instruments</b> A. Towel, cushion or beaded cover on driver's seat B. Decorations on crash barriers C. Hooks and/or white boards hanging from crash barriers D. Decorations on passenger seats E. Sun Visor blacked with non-transparent material	
5. <b>Violation of COMAR 11.19.02.32 Service Doors, Emergency Windows, Doors and Exits</b> A. Front Service door area blocked by obstruction(s) B. Rear emergency door are blocked by obstruction(s) C. Driver compartment aisle blocked by obstruction(s) D. Decorations that interfere with emergency window instruction labeling	
6. <b>Violation of COMAR 11.19.02.20, 11.14.04.16 &amp; MD Code, Transportation, §22-404-Obstruction of windshield prohibited</b> A. Non-transparent material and/or sign in windshield area B. Non-transparent material and/or permanent sign(s) posted in window(s) C. Non-transparent material and/or sign in rear window	
COMMENTS:	

REPORT COMPLETED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_