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The School Bus Driver's Handbook is a product of the Pupil Transportation Unit (PTU), Manitoba Education. Its purpose is to provide school bus drivers with "best known" standard procedures for safe, efficient, economical, and adequate school bus operation. The handbook does, from time to time, undergo revision to reflect changes in Provincial and Federal regulations as well as school bus safety standards of the Canadian Standards Association.

It should be noted that over the years the school bus has evolved into a state-of-the-art passenger carrier - arguably, the safest vehicle on the road today. However, without thoroughly trained school bus drivers behind the wheel, its state-of-the-art status is reduced to little more than a "big yellow vehicle with a bunch of flashing lights".

In 2010, the handbook underwent extensive review resulting in a document that provided new and veteran school bus drivers with the most up-to-date guidelines, regulations, and technical information on how to operate the modern school bus in the safest possible way.

This handbook, as have its predecessors, is dedicated to the safety of all children in the province of Manitoba.

# NOTES

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- ◆ School Bus Driver's Handbook Version: Fall 2011
- ◆ Metric conversions made throughout the handbook are approximate.
- ◆ Information on driving school buses equipped with manual transmissions can be found in Appendix C5, D1, and F1.
- ◆ The Pupil Transportation Unit website can be accessed at:  
[www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/ptu](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/ptu)
- ◆ Additional copies of the School Bus Driver's Handbook can be purchased from the Manitoba Text Book Bureau, P.O. Box 910, 130-1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West, Souris, Manitoba, R0K 2C0; orders can also be placed online at [www.mtbb.mb.ca](http://www.mtbb.mb.ca); by calling 1-866-771-6822 or 204-483-5040; or by fax at 204-483-5041. Quote item #83900 when ordering.
- ◆ The Driver's Handbook and Professional Driver's Manual can be accessed electronically through the Manitoba Public Insurance website at: [www.mpi.mb.ca](http://www.mpi.mb.ca) or copies can be obtained from an Autopac agency.  
  
Throughout this handbook, page number references to these two documents are those of the 2010 versions.
- ◆ Manitoba School Buses Regulation 465/88R can be accessed online at:  
<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/pdf/p250-465.88r.pdf>