

**Division of State Patrol
Informational Memorandum**

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**Tab 4
School Bus Inspection Manual**

TOPIC: Interior Marking

Background: There have been several requests to modify the content of Trans 300.61, Signs and Lettering. These requests have been made to enhance safety, improve rider control and add an expression of patriotism. These requests came shortly after the hearing process was completed for the most current Trans 300 revision and as such were not included. It is intended to include the following in a subsequent revision of Trans 300.

Decision: Effective immediately, the following interior markings will be allowed:

- A decal, sticker or lettering stating, **“DO NOT USE THE LAST TWO SEATS UNLESS BUS IS FULL”**, to be placed on the rear bulkheads. The letters are to be black and are not to exceed 2” high. They are to be permanent and legible. No pieces of paper or magic markers allowed.
- Numbers designating rows may be placed above the windows on both sides. They are to be black, no taller than 2”. They are to be permanent and legible. No pieces of paper or magic markers allowed. They must not interfere with emergency door/window markings.
- A United States flag decal or magnet, not to exceed 6” on any side, may be displayed in the drivers compartment provided it does not interfere with any operating controls or other safety signs and equipment. It shall not include any sayings or slogans and may not be placed on the mirror, visor, windshield or any other window.
- Currently school buses are being manufactured with lettering that indicates, **“DO NOT BLOCK”** at emergency exit locations. This is a FMVSS 217 requirement and is currently being installed at the body manufacturer. This will be authorized optional lettering until adopted in Trans 300.

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