



Understanding The Difference Between Multi-function School Activity Bus and Alternative Transportation

Features	Collins MFSAB	Alternative Transportation
Enhanced Structural Integrity via FMVSS and other School Bus Specific Specifications	Yes	No
• School Bus Rollover Protection	Yes	No
• Enhanced Side-impact Resistance	Yes	No
• FMVSS221 Body Panel Joint Integrity	Yes	No
Enhanced Passenger Seating and Safety Requirements	Yes	No
• Compartmentalized Seating	Yes	No
• 3-Point Seat Belts Required	Yes	Yes
Passenger Safety Features (Load and Unload)	Yes	No
• Front Cross View Mirrors	Yes	No
• Center Aisle Access to Seating	Yes	No
• Improved Driver Visibility at Entrance Door	Yes	No
Enhanced Emergency Egress and Conspicuity	Yes	No
• Rear Emergency Door	Yes	No
• Kick Out Emergency Egress Side Windows (Optional)	Yes	No
• Emergency Egress Roof Hatches (Optional)	Yes	No
• Reflective Tape and High Visibility Markers	Yes	No



Enhanced Visibility



Strength & Stability



3-Point Seatbelts



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The Risk of Not Transporting Children on Multi-function School Activity Buses (MFSAB)

- Limited visibility of boarding passengers and surrounding areas.
- Not crash-tested to school bus standards: Lacks FMVSS 220, 221, and 222 compliances
- Minimal side and roof protection: No reinforced structure or energy-absorbing interiors.
- No school-specific exits or seating: Not designed for fast, safe evacuation of children.
- Insurance red flags: Many carriers raise premiums or restrict coverage for these vehicles.

The Safer Alternative: MFSAB (Multi-Function School Activity Bus)

A Multi-Function School Activity Bus (MFSAB) looks different from a yellow school bus, but it's built to the same rigorous safety standards. It offers:

- FMVSS-certified bus construction with reinforced walls and rollover protection.
- High-back, energy-absorbing seating for child passengers.
- Emergency exits, visible lighting, and vehicle markings per federal regulation.
- Peace of mind for schools, camps, sports programs, and after-school transporters.
- Enhanced visibility, additional exterior cross-view mirrors, entrance door with step well, center aisle

Don't Let Price Overrule Protection

- Alternative transportation may cost less upfront, but they cost more in risk, and in liability.
- A true school-use vehicle should be built for schoolchildren, not adapted from a commercial delivery platform.

Help Us Spread the Word!

Join us in advocating for student transportation that prioritizes safety, not shortcuts. Whether you're a fleet director, school administrator, coach, or parent—ask the right question:

"Is this vehicle built to school bus standards?"

