

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS, TRAINING & RESPONSIBILITIES

The school bus driver has the responsibility to safeguard lives of children in performance of duty. The work requires physical strength, mental poise, ability to cope effectively with emergencies, and a disposition designed to relate positively with students.

The board, in support of State laws, initiates this policy to establish an annual medical examination for each bus driver operating a vehicle. It includes the following physical requirements:

- A. Minimum vision, with or without glasses, of 20/40 in the other eye;
- B. Adequate hearing in both ears;
- C. Freedom from mental, nervous, organic, or functional disease, such as epilepsy, tuberculosis, paralysis, mental illnesses, diabetes, abnormal variation in blood pressure, and heart ailments;
- D. Freedom from communicable diseases;
- E. Physical strength to the level that buses may be operated with ease; and
- F. Possession of and normal function of hands, arms, feet, and legs.

Examinations shall be paid by the Saco School Department.

The examinations must be completed each year during the month of August and prior to the beginning of any school year for regular drivers. The examination must also be completed prior to entry into employment.

Legal Reference: Title 29 MRSA, Sec. 2013

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