School Finance & Organizational Services Nebraska Department of Education

Nebraska Requirements for New Pupil Transportation Drivers

***Substitute pupil transportation vehicle drivers shall meet the same driver requirements and qualifications as a regular pupil transportation vehicle driver.

Updated 07.01.2024	Small Vehicle 10 Passengers or Less Vans and Cars		Small Bus 14 or less Passengers Non CDL Vehicle	School Bus 15 or more Passengers CDL Vehicle	School Bus (Coach/MFSAB) 15 or more Passengers CDL Vehicle
Requirements:	Routes	Activities only	Routes & Activities	Routes & Activities	Activities only
DMV License	Operator's License - Class O	Operator's License - Class O	Operator's License - Class O	CDL - Passenger and School Bus Endorsements •If no CDL, driver must hold a CLP (Commercial Learners Permit) for at least 14 days before CDL Exam (FMCSA Part 383) •Must provide proof of US Citizenship or lawful status	CDL - Passenger and School Bus Endorsements •If no CDL, driver must hold a CLP (Commercial Learners Permit) for at least 14 days before CDL Exam FMCSA Part 383) •Must provide proof of US Citizenship or lawful status
Medical Exam Requirements	Medical Exam valid for 2 years (unless shorter time frame is set by medical examiner)	Not Required	Medical Exam valid for 2 years (unless shorter time frame is set by medical examiner)	Medical Exam valid for 2 years (unless shorter time frame is set by medical examiner)	Medical Exam valid for 2 years (unless shorter time frame is set by medical examiner)
Records Requests by School	Obtain driving record from DMV - Annually	Obtain driving record from DMV - Annually	Obtain driving record from DMV - Annually	Obtain driving record from DMV - Annually	Obtain driving record from DMV - Annually
	Criminal history check before hire	Criminal history check before hire	Criminal history check before hire	Criminal history check before hire	Criminal history check before hire
Drug & Alcohol Testing by School	School District Policy	School District Policy	School District Policy	Subject to Drug and Alcohol Testing Program – Must obtain negative drug test result <i>before</i> using a driver. (FMCSA Part 382)	Subject to Drug and Alcohol Testing Program – Must obtain negative drug test result <i>before</i> using a driver. (FMCSA Part 382)
Required Training for Driver	Behind the Wheel Training and Pre-Service Evaluation	First Aid & Emergency Evacuation Training	Behind the Wheel Training and Pre-Service Evaluation	Behind the Wheel Training and Pre-Service Evaluation	Behind the Wheel Training and Pre-Service Evaluation
	Level l Instruction Course 3-hour course	Not Required	Level l Instruction Course 11-hour course	*Level l Instruction Course 11- hour course *ELDT Theory *FMCSA Behind the Wheel ELDT DMV Driving Skills & Written knowledge exam (CDL Manual- Section 10)	*Level l Instruction Course 11- hour course *ELDT Theory *FMCSA Behind the Wheel ELDT DMV Driving Skills & Written knowledge exam (CDL Manual- Section 10)

^{***}All Drivers are also required to participate in annual two-hour in-service provided by district.