

## REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 18

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### STUDENT TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEE REQUIREMENTS, TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Part A—School Bus Drivers/School Employees Who Transport/Contracted Drivers

Any driver for the school is responsible for safeguarding the lives of children in performance of his/her duty. The work requires physical strength, mental poise, the ability to cope effectively with emergencies, excellent driving skills and an ability to relate positively with students.

All school bus drivers must hold a valid school bus operator license endorsement issued by the Maine Secretary of State. All drivers are required to participate in any in-service training provided by the School Unit. School employees and contracted drivers must hold a valid driver's license issued by the Maine Secretary of State.

##### A. Annual Medical Examination

All drivers operating a vehicle designed to carry passengers must undergo an annual physical examination as required by the Uniform School Bus Standards and submit the completed Driver Physical Examination Form to the Superintendent/designee. Physical examinations shall be conducted by a physician selected by the School Unit and paid for by the School Unit.

New bus drivers must complete the examination before beginning their driving duties.

##### B. Drug and Alcohol Testing

All drivers will participate in drug and alcohol testing as required by applicable federal and state laws.

##### C. Annual Motor Vehicle Records Check

Any driver operating a vehicle carrying passengers shall undergo an annual state motor vehicle records check and a criminal check.

Legal Reference: 49 CFR Parts 40 and 382  
26 MRSA §§ 681(8)(B); 685(2); 689  
Uniform School Bus Standards, 081.6

Cross Reference: EEAEAA – Drug and Alcohol Testing of Bus Drivers  
EEAEAA-R – Drug and Alcohol Testing of Bus Drivers—Administrative  
Procedure

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