

**Transportation Contractor**

Bethany Public School District (District) transportation shall be provided by private contractors consistent with contractual arrangements as offered by the Bethany Board of Education from time to time.

Transportation contractors shall comply with all provisions of the contract, with all current State Statutes and regulations of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

In addition, the District expects its school transportation contractor to train all school bus drivers with instruction pertaining to the identification, signs, and symptoms of anaphylaxis and in the administration of epinephrine by a cartridge injector (EpiPen), the notification of emergency personnel, and the reporting of an incident involving a student's life-threatening allergic reaction. Such training shall occur following the issuance or renewal of an endorsement to operate a school bus for carrier employees and upon the hiring of a school bus driver, except a driver who received the training after the most recent issuance or renewal of his/her endorsement is not required to repeat it.

Prior to employment of bus drivers, the District expects its school transportation carrier to conduct a full query of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) to obtain information about the driver's eligibility under federal rules to perform a safety-sensitive function. The transportation carrier will also contact prior employers where the applicant was a CDL driver for information to determine the driver's eligibility to perform safety-sensitive functions. (Prior employers' inquiries will continue until January 2023.)

The transportation contractor will also utilize the Clearinghouse for current CDL drivers who are employees on at least an annual basis. Required personnel information that is collected and maintained in connection with the testing program shall also be reported, as required, to the Clearinghouse.

Legal Reference:            Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212c  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 14-261b  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 14-276a  
                                 Connecticut General Statutes § 52-557b  
                                 United States Code, Title 49  
                                 2717 Alcohol and controlled substances testing (Omnibus Transportation  
                                 Employee Testing Act of 1991)  
                                 Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Parts 40, 392, 395  
                                 *Holiday v. City of Modesto*, 229 Cal. App. 3d. 528, 540 (1991)  
                                 *International Brotherhood of Teamsters v. Department of Transportation*, 932 F.  
                                 2d 1292 (1991)  
                                 *American Trucking Association, Inc. v. Federal Highway Administration*, WL  
                                 136022 (1995)

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