

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS (REGULATION)

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, this regulation shall govern the operation of school buses in the Bethel Public School system. Bus drivers shall:

1. Be eighteen years of age or older.
2. Possess an Oklahoma Commercial Driver License (CDL), A, B or C, authorizing the operation of a school bus and an Oklahoma bus driving certificate.
3. Be required to complete a satisfactory physical examination upon the offer of employment and must obtain an annual physical examination. Such examination will include drug testing as set forth in policy DCC. A copy of the results of the annual physical examination shall be maintained by the superintendent.
4. Submit to drug and alcohol testing as required by state and federal law. (See policies DCC and DCCB.)
5. Operate on their designated routes approved by the transportation division of the State Department of Education.
6. Complete their bus routes each morning when reasonably safe and proper to do so.
7. Report individuals illegally passing their schools buses. The approved form (see CN-E) will be completed and submitted to the law enforcement authority of the municipality where the alleged violation occurred and to the district's director of transportation.
8. Make other appropriate reports as required by state law and/or district administrators.

Bus drivers will be employed by the board of education upon the recommendation of the superintendent. Bus drivers are hereby notified that they shall not write, read, or send text messages while operating a school bus or multi-passenger vehicle owned and approved to operate by the State Department of Education or any school district within Oklahoma. Any person who violates this provision of law, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). Please note that this fine is for the individual and not the school district. As a result, if any school employee is charged and convicted of the offense, that individual becomes personally responsible for the fine and will not be reimbursed by the school district for the expense.

REFERENCE: 47 O.S. §11-705
47 O.S. § 11-901c
70 O.S. §9-107