

# UNIT I

## DRIVING SKILLS SURVEY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle the correct answer:**

1. T or F School bus drivers are entrusted with the lives and safety of student.
2. T or F When starting a diesel bus engine, turn ignition on – wait for glow plug indicator to go out, if so equipped, before starting the engine.
3. T or F The recommended steering position is to grip the steering wheel with both hands and assume a 2 & 10, a 3 & 9, or a 4 & 8 hand position.
4. T or F When preparing for a right turn, position the bus next to the center line.
5. T or F In preparation for a left turn, while stopped, the front wheels can be turned to the left.
6. T or F If backing is necessary in a loading zone or near students, the driver should get assistance.
7. T or F If backing is required at a student stop, have the students board the bus before backing or before the students exit the bus.
8. T or F Drivers must allow 3 feet of space between the school bus and the bicyclist.
9. T or F Emergency vehicle drivers will yield to the 8-light system and children in the roadway.

**Circle the letter that applies for each of these multiple-choice questions:**

10. When passing another vehicle, pull back to the right only when:
  - a. It is safe to do so.
  - b. You have signaled your lane change.
  - c. Both a. and b.
  - d. Within 75 feet of an oncoming vehicle.
  
11. When parking your bus
  - a. Shift into neutral
  - b. Turn wheels properly
  - c. Left when facing uphill where there is a curb
  - d. Right at all other times
  - e. Set parking brake
  - f. Turn off ignition and remove key
  - g. All of the above
  
12. Drivers must give the right of way to pedestrians when:
  - a. The pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk
  - b. Turning a corner
  - c. On the roadway
  - d. Crossing the sidewalk at an alley or driveway
  - e. All of the above
  
13. Defensive driving skills can help to avoid crashes caused by:
  - a. weather
  - b. roads
  - c. pedestrians
  - d. other drivers
  - e. all of the above
  
14. When you check your lighting systems during the pre-trip inspection, which of the five keys of the Smith Driving System are you practicing:
  - a. Aim high in steering.
  - b. Get the big picture.
  - c. Keep your eyes moving.
  - d. Leave yourself an out.
  - e. Make sure they see you.

15. When you aim high in steering, the recommended eye lead time is:
  - a. 3 seconds
  - b. 4 seconds
  - c. 15 seconds
  - d. 10 seconds
  
16. A recommended safe following distance is:
  - a. 15 seconds
  - b. 4 seconds
  - c. 3 seconds
  
17. Mirrors should be checked every:
  - a. 15 seconds
  - b. 2 seconds
  - c. 5 to 8 seconds
  
18. From a stopped position, allow the vehicle in front to move out for how many seconds before accelerating:
  - a. 2 seconds
  - b. 4 seconds
  - c. 8 seconds
  - d. 15 seconds

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### (Answer Key)

**This survey is a resource for the trainer to monitor how familiar employees are with the information in Unit 1. This IS NOT a substitute for the required survey on student conduct and students with special needs.**

1.     **TRUE**     School bus drivers are entrusted with the lives and safety of student.
2.     **TRUE**     When starting a diesel bus engine, turn ignition on – wait for glow plug indicator to go out, if so equipped, before starting the engine.
3.     **TRUE**     The recommended steering position is to grip the steering wheel with both hands and assume a 2 & 10, a 3 & 9, or a 4 & 8 hand position.
4.     **FALSE**     When preparing for a right turn, position the bus in proper lane two to three feet from curb.
5.     **FALSE**     In preparation for a left turn, the front wheels shall be kept straight to avoid being pushed into oncoming traffic if bus is rear ended.
6.     **TRUE**     If backing is necessary in a loading zone or near students, the driver should get assistance.
7.     **TRUE**     If backing is required at a student stop, have the students board the bus before backing or before the students exit the bus
8.     **TRUE**     Drivers must allow 3 feet of space between the school bus and the bicyclist.
9.     **TRUE**     Emergency vehicle drivers will yield to the 8-light system and students in the roadway.

**Circle all the letters that apply for each of these multiple-choice questions:**

10. When passing another vehicle, pull back to the right only when:
- a) It is safe to do so.
  - b) You have signaled your lane change.
  - c) Both A and B
  - d) Within 75 feet of an oncoming vehicle.
- (Correct answer is **c**)
11. When parking your bus:
- a) Shift into neutral
  - b) Turn wheels properly
  - c) Left when facing uphill where there is a curb
  - d) Right at all other times
  - e) Set parking brake
  - f) Turn off ignition and remove key
  - g) All of the above
- (Correct answer is **g**)
12. Drivers must give the right of way to pedestrians when:
- a) The pedestrian is in a marked or unmarked crosswalk
  - b) Turning a corner
  - c) On the roadway
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  - e) All of the above
- (Correct answer is **e**)
13. Defensive driving skills can help to avoid crashes caused by:
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14. When you check your lighting systems during the pre-trip inspection, which of the five keys of the Smith Driving System are you practicing:
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  - d) Leave yourself an out.
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- (Correct answer is **e**)

15. When you aim high in steering, the recommended eye lead time is:
- a) 3 seconds
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- (Correct answer is **c**)
16. A recommended safe following distance is:
- a) 15 seconds
  - b) 4 seconds
  - c) 3 seconds
  - d) 10 seconds
- (Correct answer is **b**)
17. Mirrors should be checked every:
- a) 15 seconds
  - b) 2 seconds
  - c) 5 to 8 seconds
  - d) 10 seconds
- (Correct answer is **c**)
18. From a stopped position, allow the vehicle in front to move out for how many seconds before accelerating:
- a) 2 seconds
  - b) 4 seconds
  - c) 8 seconds
  - d) 15 seconds
- (Correct answer is **b**)