

# UNIT I

## DRIVING SKILLS SURVEY

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

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

**Circle the correct answer:**

- T F 1. School bus drivers have entrusted to them the lives and safety of human resources whose value cannot be measured.
- T F 2. By developing proficiency in driving skills and operating procedures, the driver can devote more attention to the ever-changing road conditions.
- T F 3. When starting a diesel bus engine, turn ignition on – wait for glow plug indicator to go out, if so equipped, then engage starter.
- T F 4. The recommended steering position is to grip the steering wheel with both hands. Assume a 10-2 or a 3-9 position. Hands should be on the rim of the steering wheel, not on the cross bar.
- T F 5. When preparing for a right turn, position the bus next to the center line.
- T F 6. Keep front wheels straight if waiting to turn left.
- T F 7. If backing is necessary in a loading zone or near pedestrians, the driver should get assistance from a responsible adult.
- T F 8. On an out-state turnaround, your passengers have boarded before you back, and conversely you back before your passengers get off the bus.
- T F 9. Driver must allow 3 feet of room for a bicyclist.
- T F 10. Emergency vehicle drivers will yield to the 8-light system and children in the roadway.

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**DRIVING SKILLS SURVEY (cont.)**

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

11. To complete a pass safely, it will take:
  - a. 30-40 seconds
  - b. 10-20 seconds
  - c. 5-10 seconds
  
12. When completing a pass, pull back to the right only when:
  - a. There is enough room.
  - b. And you have again signaled your lane change,
  - c. Both a. & b.
  
13. When parking your bus:
  - a. Shift into neutral
  - b. Turn wheels in the proper direction
  - c. Set the parking brake
  - d. Turn off ignition and remove key
  - e. All of the above
  
14. 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
  
15. Defensive drivers avoid the accident traps caused by:
  - a. weather
  - b. roads
  - c. pedestrians
  - d. other drivers
  - e. all of the above
  
16. When you check your lighting systems during the pre-trip inspection, which of the Five keys to defensive driving 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.

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17. When you aim high in steering, the recommended eye lead time is:
- a. 3 seconds
  - b. 4 seconds
  - c. 15 seconds
  - d. 10 seconds
18. Maintain a safe following distance of:
- a. 15 seconds
  - b. 4 seconds
  - c. 3 seconds
19. Mirrors should be checked every:
- a. 15 seconds
  - b. 2 seconds
  - c. 5-8 seconds
20. 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.**

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(Correct answer: T)
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(Correct answer: T)
- T F 3. When starting a diesel bus engine, turn ignition on – wait for glow plug indicator to go out, if so equipped, then engage starter, depress accelerator as engine starts.  
(Correct answer: T)
- T F 4. The recommended steering position is to grip the steering wheel with both hands. Assume a 10-2 or a 3-9 position. Hands should be on the rim of the steering wheel, not on the cross bar.  
(Correct answer: T)
- T F 5. When preparing for a right turn, position the bus next to the center line.  
(Correct answer: F) Position the bus in the proper lane (2 to 3 feet from the curb.)
- T F 6. Keep front wheels straight if waiting to turn left.  
(Correct answer: T)
- T F 7. If backing is necessary in a loading zone or near pedestrians, the driver should get assistance from a responsible adult.  
(Correct answer: T)
- T F 8. On an out-state turnaround, your passengers have boarded before you back, and conversely you back before your passengers get off the bus.  
(Correct answer: T)
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- (Correct answer is b.)