

MINNESOTA SCHOOL BUS DRIVER EVALUATION CHECKLIST

Minnesota Statute 171.321

Subd 4. (TRAINING) (a) No person shall drive a Class A, B, C, or D school bus when transporting school children to or from school or a upon school-related trip or activity without having demonstrated sufficient skills and knowledge to transport students in a safe and legal manner.

(b) A bus driver must have training or experience that allows the driver to meet at least the following competencies:

- (1) safely operate the type of school bus the driver will be driving;
- (2) understand student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities;
- (3) encourage orderly conduct of students on the bus and handle incidents of misconduct appropriately;
- (4) know and understand relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies;
- (5) handle emergency situations;
- (6) safely load and unload students.

(c) The commissioner of public safety, in conjunction with the commissioner of children, families & learning, shall develop a comprehensive model school bus driver training program and model assessments for school bus driver training competencies, which are not subject to chapter 14. A school district may use alternative assessments for bus driver training competencies with the approval of the commissioner of public safety. The employer shall keep the assessment for the current period available for inspection by representatives of the commissioner.

Subd. 5. (ANNUAL CERTIFICATION) (a) A school district, nonpublic school, or private contractor shall provide in-service training annually to each school bus driver. (b) A school district, nonpublic school, or private contractor shall annually verify the validity of the driver's license of each employee who regularly transports students for the district in a type A school bus, a type B school bus, a type C school bus, or type D school bus, or regularly transports students for the district in a type III vehicle with the National Driver Register or with the Department of Public Safety.