

**BUS OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS, TRAINING AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**FILE: EEAEA**

**TITLE:** School Bus Operator

**POLICY:**

Each school bus operator shall possess the minimum qualifications prescribed in Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules. Each bus operator shall hold a current valid Medical Examiner's Certificate, issued by the Florida Department of Education and a valid Florida commercial driver's license, Class B with passenger endorsement, issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

- (1) The licenses and a Medical Examiner's Certificate shall be carried by the bus operator while operating a bus.
- (2) Each bus operator shall be of good moral character, of good vision and hearing, able bodied, free from communicable disease, mentally alert, sufficiently strong physically to handle the bus with ease and to make emergency repairs, drug and alcohol free, and hold a current valid Medical Examiner's Certificate.
- (3) Requirements of a bus operator shall include the following:
  - (a) Passing an annual physical examination and dexterity test and meeting other requirements as may be prescribed by Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rules
  - (b) Attending and participating in conferences and training classes for school bus operators
  - (c) Being prepared at all times to successfully pass a written examination pertaining to traffic laws, state and local transportation regulations and driving skills
  - (d) Acquiring knowledge of first aid principles and emergency treatment procedures for students who become injured on the school bus or in a school bus crash

**LAWS IMPLEMENTED:** Sections 1012.45, Florida Statutes

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULES:** 6A-3.014; 6A-3.0141; 6A-3.015;6A-3.017

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