

BUS DRIVER EXAMINATION AND TRAINING

The Board recognizes that it is of great importance that all local school districts have competent and qualified bus drivers; therefore, the Board establishes this policy to ensure that those nominated and certificated are so qualified.

The Ohio Revised Code states that the Educational Service Center of Lorain County shall be responsible for the issuance of driver certificates for school bus drivers in those local districts falling under the jurisdiction of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. Such certificates to operate a school bus shall be signed by the president of the Educational Service Center of Lorain County. Any person who has not received a certificate from the Educational Service Center of Lorain County shall not be employed as a driver of a school bus or motor van, owned and operated by any Lorain County Local School District. In order to receive this certificate, the bus driver must:

1. pass a physical examination each year;
2. be at least 18 years of age, of good moral character, and qualified physically and otherwise for such a position;
3. produce a safe driving abstract each year;
4. have a commercial driver's license as required by the state of Ohio; and
5. must be insurable and maintain insurability through local board fleet carrier. If insurability through local board fleet carrier is not possible, upon recommendation of local superintendent, a bus driver's certificate may be revoked.

Responsibility - In accordance with new criteria for school bus driver physical examinations, which were adopted by the state of Ohio on July 14, 1980, to become effective September 1, 1980, all Lorain County school bus drivers must meet the physical requirements as set forth in these new standards. In addition, the new standards now require that any person certified as physically qualified to operate a school bus must request, obtain, and present to the Educational Service Center of Lorain County an abstract of his/her driving record. This abstract is to be attached to the Department of Education's copy of the completed physical examination. This is to be a yearly requirement, and the driver is responsible for obtaining and paying for the cost to obtain the abstract.

Based upon Ohio's point system for traffic violations, the Educational Service Center of Lorain County policy shall hereafter be that any school bus driver accumulating six (6) traffic violation points over a period of one year, regardless of the vehicle being driven at the time of the violation, shall not be issued a certificate to drive a school bus in the Lorain County System for a period of two (2) years from the date of issuance of the sixth violation point. Furthermore, any Lorain County school bus driver accumulating a total of four (4) points for traffic violations over a period of one (1) year while driving a school bus shall not be issued a certificate to drive a school bus in Lorain County System for a period of two (2) years from the date of issuance of the fourth traffic violation point.

- Over a period of one year represents any 12 month period of time.

- The Bureau of Motor Vehicles Remedial Driving Course shall not be used to reduce any of the above violation points unless a judge removes the violation points from the driver's abstract.
- All bus drivers shall inform the local superintendent immediately when she/he has accumulated either the four (4) or six (6) points as stated above.

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