



COLORADO
Department of Education

School Transportation Overview

School Transportation Unit



- District provides transportation
- Contract with outside company
- Charter school provides transportation
- Parents provide transportation



The charter application submitted to the authorizer must speak to transportation elements. Charters are not required to provide transportation, but if they do, they need to be compliant to the relevant state statutes/rules, as well as any federal requirements. CRS 22-30.5-106(1)(m).

Charter School Transportation Plans



State Statutes - Title 22-30.5-112.5

If a charter school's charter or contract includes provision of transportation services by the school district, the charter school and the school district shall collaborate in developing a transportation plan to use school district equipment to transport students enrolled in the charter school to and from the charter school and their homes and to and from the charter school and any extracurricular activities. The transportation plan may include, but need not be limited to, development of bus routes and plans for sharing the use of school district equipment for the benefit of students enrolled in charter schools of the school district and students enrolled in other schools of the school district. –

See more at:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdechart/chact#sthash.HCs6dZZF.dpuf>



1 CCR 301-14 Rules for the Administration of the Public-School Transportation Fund

Route operating expenses

Route mileage

Must be submitted through district

****CSI Charter Schools submit through the Charter School Institute**



All CDL Operators must be enrolled in the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

All CDL Operators must be enrolled in random substance abuse testing.

All CDL Operators must receive training on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Testing Procedures

Supervisor must attend Reasonable Suspicion Training

Starting February 7, 2022 FMCSA requires federally mandated Entry Level Driver Training for all **NEW** CDL Operators



Section 42-4-1902 – School vehicle drivers – special training required

On and after July 1, 1992, the driver of any school vehicle as defined in section 42-1-102 (88.5) owned or operated by or for any school district in this state shall have successfully completed training, approved by the department of education, concerning driving on mountainous terrain, as defined in section 42-4-1901 (3) (a), and driving in adverse weather conditions.



- 4.00 School District Responsibilities
- 5.00 Driver Qualification Files/Training
 - School Bus, Multifunction, Motor Coach
 - Type A, Multifunction, Small Vehicle Route
 - Type A, Multifunction, Small Vehicle Activity
- 6.00 ELDT Instructor Requirements
- 7.00 Annual Inspector Requirements
- 8.00 Hands On Tester
- 9.00 Pre-trip/Post-trip Vehicle Inspections
- 11.00 Annual Inspection

Required to be completed by a CDE Annual Inspector



12.00 Maintenance and Repair

- Defect reports and documentation
- Documentation of repairs
- Required brake inspections

13.00 Operation of a School Transportation Vehicle

14.00 Authorized Passengers

15.00 Safety Restraints

16.00 Transportation of Miscellaneous Items

17.00 Maximum Driving Time for School Transportation Vehicle Operators

Includes on duty time for all employers



18.00 Route Planning

- Student Loading and Discharge
- Railroad Crossings

19.00 Emergency Evacuation Drills

School Bus, Multifunction Bus (15>), Motor Coach

****CDL Licensed Operators****

- Job Description
- Current Copy of CDL License with proper class and endorsements
- Current Copy of US DOT Medical Certificate
- Current Motor Vehicle Record
- Certificate of Receipt from School Bus/Multifunction/Motor Coach Guide
- Current CDE Written Test for School Bus/Multifunction/Motor Coach
- Initial Driving Performance and Pre-Trip Test Annual
- Driving Performance Test

School Bus, Multifunction Bus (15>), Motor Coach

****CDL Licensed Operators****

- Drug and Alcohol Training
- Mountain and Adverse Weather Training
- Confidentiality
- Six (6) hours annual in-service training
- Pre-Service Training
- First Aid/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Universal Precautions Training
- Child Safety Restraint Systems (if applicable)
- Wheelchair Securement (if applicable)

Type A, Multifunction Bus (<15), Small Vehicle Route Operator **Non-CDL**

- Job Description
- Current Copy of License with proper endorsements
- Current Copy of **US DOT Medical Certificate**
- Current Motor Vehicle Record
- Certificate of Receipt from Type A, Multifunction Bus (<15), Small Vehicle Route Operator
- Current CDE Written Test for School Bus/Multifunction/Motor Coach
- Initial Driving Performance and Pre-Trip Test Annual
- Driving Performance Test

Type A, Multifunction Bus (<15), Small Vehicle Route Operator

Non-CDL

- Mountain and Adverse Weather Training
- Confidentiality
- Six (6) hours annual in-service training
- Pre-Service Training
- First Aid/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Universal Precautions **Training**
- Child Safety Restraint Systems (if applicable)
- Wheelchair Securement (if applicable)

Type A, Multifunction Bus (<15), Small Vehicle Operator

****Non-CDL****

- Job Description
- Current Copy of License with proper endorsements
- Current Copy of US DOT Medical Certificate
- Current Motor Vehicle Record
- Certificate of Receipt from Type A, Multifunction Bus (<15), Small Vehicle Route Operator
- Current CDE Written Test for School Bus/Multifunction/Motor Coach
- Initial Driving Performance and Pre-Trip Test Annual
- Driving Performance Test

Type A, Multifunction Bus (<15), Small Vehicle Operator

Non-CDL

- Mountain and Adverse Weather Training
- Confidentiality
- Six (6) hours annual in-service training
- Pre-Service Training
- First Aid/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Universal

Precautions **Information**

- Child Safety Restraint Systems (if applicable)
- Wheelchair Securement (if applicable)



1 CCR 301-25 Colorado Minimum Standards Governing School Transportation Vehicles:

School Transportation Vehicles manufactured on or after the effective date of the rules must comply with the applicable rules:

- 2015 +
- 2007 - 2015
- 1999 - 2007
- 1993 - 1999

14.00 Construction (racking load test)

Type A

Type "A" school bus is a conversion or body constructed utilizing a cutaway front-section vehicle with a left side driver's door and a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 21,500 pounds or less.



Type B



Type "B" school bus is a body constructed and installed upon a stripped chassis. Part of the engine is beneath and/or behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat. The entrance door is behind the front wheels.

Type C

Type "C" school bus is constructed utilizing a chassis with a hood and fender assembly. This includes the cutaway truck chassis, including cab, with or without a left side driver door, and with a GVWR greater than 21,500 pounds. The entrance door is behind the front wheels.



Type D



Type "D" school bus is constructed utilizing a stripped chassis, the engine may be behind the windshield and beside the driver's seat; it may be at the rear of the bus, behind the rear wheels. The entrance door is ahead of the front wheels.

Small Vehicle

Small Vehicle shall be a motor vehicle, which does not meet the requirements of a Type A, B, C or D school bus, designed for general purpose use. A small vehicle shall meet or exceed section 20.05 of these rules. These vehicles may be used to carry students to and from school, from school to school, or to school related events.



Multifunction Bus – May be any capacity



Multifunction bus shall be a motor vehicle, built to federal multifunctional school activity bus standards, designed for transporting students.

These buses must also meet Colorado school bus construction standards with 6 exceptions:

16.00 Color; chassis

54.00 Color. Body

63.01 Lettering; SCHOOL BUS

63.06 Lettering STOP ON FLASHING RED

67.07 8-way lamps

77.00 Stop signal arm

Shuttle Bus



Shuttle Buses do not meet the Colorado rack and load requirements and can not be used to transport students

Motor Coach

Under federal law (49 USC 30112(a)), a new over-the-road motor coach (motor coach) bus may not be sold for the purpose of transporting school-age students to and from school or to school related events unless it meets all FMVSS requirements for school buses.





Require Local Board of Education Resolution

4.01(a) Under federal law (49 USC 30112(a)), a new over-the-road motor coach (motor coach) bus may not be sold for the purpose of transporting school-age students to and from school or to school related events unless it meets all FMVSS requirements for school buses. Upon passage of a local board of education resolution, a school district may purchase a used over-the-road motor coach (motor coach) bus and/or attain a short-term rental of a motor coach bus from a contract carrier for the transportation of students to school related events. Such resolution shall specify that consideration was given to the standards of safety to promote the welfare of students, including recommendations of national transportation organizations. In no event shall a motor coach bus be used for the transportation of students to and from school or school to school. A board resolution is not necessary for transporting students on common carriers.

15 Passenger Vans

- 15-passenger van defined --In this subsection, the term "15-passenger van" means a vehicle that seats 10 to 14 passengers, not including the driver.
- A school or school system may not purchase or lease a new 15-passenger van if it will be used significantly by, or on behalf of, the school or school system to transport preprimary, primary, or secondary school students to or from school or an event related to school, unless the 15-passenger van complies with the motor vehicle standards prescribed for school buses and multifunction school activity buses under this title.
- <http://www.cde.state.co.us/transportation/trans15passengervan.htm>

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