

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Colorado State Board of Education

COLORADO RULES FOR THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND INSPECTION OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

1 CCR 301-26

[Editor's Notes follow the text of the rules at the end of this CCR Document.]

1.0 Statement of Basis and Purpose

1.1 Colorado law provides for the State Board of Education to adopt and enforce regulations governing the safe operation of school buses and school transportation vehicles used for the transportation of students pursuant to Sections 22-51-108 and 42-4-1904, C.R.S.

1.2 The purpose of these rules is to adopt and enforce regulations governing the reasonable and adequate standards of safety for the operation, maintenance, and inspection of school transportation vehicles that promote the welfare of the students and afford reasonable protection to the public. These rules are designed to align with federal laws and standards, state laws and standards, reflect current industry practices, and incorporate recommendations from school districts, charter schools, and service provider transportation professionals.

1.3 The Commissioner, or designee, may provide an exemption to the Rules for the Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of School Transportation Vehicles to the extent the Commissioner finds an exemption to be appropriate.

4.0 School District, Charter School, and Service Provider Responsibilities

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4.10 School districts, charter schools, and service providers shall conduct criminal background checks pursuant to Section 22-32-122(4), C.R.S. or Section 22-32-109.8, whichever is applicable, on all supervisors, trainers, drivers, paraprofessionals, technicians, and dispatchers. Additionally, backgrounds may be checked through driving records and employment history as applicable.

5.0 School Transportation Vehicle Operations Requirements

~~5.04(d) The school transportation paraprofessional shall annually complete the CDE Vehicle Operator's Medical Information Form (STU-17). Any yes annotations shall require a doctor's release.~~

5.04(de) The school transportation paraprofessional shall have written documentation evidencing that they have received first aid training, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation and universal precautions, within 90 calendar days after initial employment. If the paraprofessional holds a current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate, it will meet the requirements of this section. School transportation paraprofessionals shall receive first aid training and/or re-certification every two years thereafter.

5.05(a) The employing school district, charter school, or service provider has the authority to require at any time a medical evaluation, or a physician release of a school transportation vehicle operator or school transportation paraprofessional for any condition that could impair the employee's ability to operate a vehicle safely, assist the student(s) as required by their position, and/or perform other required job duties, and may take appropriate action on the outcome of such evaluation.

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17.0 Transportation of Miscellaneous Items

17.1 A school transportation vehicle operator shall ensure that all carry-on items are properly handled to minimize the danger to all others.

17.2 All baggage, articles, equipment, or medical supplies (except those held by individual passengers) shall be secured in a manner that assures unrestricted access to all exits by occupants, does not restrict the driver's ability to operate the bus and/or protects all occupants against injury resulting from falling or displacement of any baggage, article, or equipment. Oxygen cylinders that are medically necessary meet this standard if they are both medically necessary and/or securely attached to a wheelchair or otherwise secured in the vehicle and, ~~and shall be considered to comply with this subsection, provided they~~ do not impede access to any exit. School districts, charter schools, and service providers shall use reasonable care in determining the number of cylinders that may be safely transported at one time.

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Editor's Notes

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