

Chapter PI 7

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION—PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

PI 7.01 Physical requirements for school bus drivers

7.01 Physical requirements for school bus drivers. (1) As of October 1, 1973, no person shall be issued an original or renewed school bus driver's license unless he/she meets all of the following physical requirements:

(a) Has sufficient use of both hands and the foot normally employed to operate the foot brake and foot accelerator correctly and efficiently.

(b) Possesses at least 20/40 vision corrected or uncorrected in each eye; has a minimum horizontal form field of vision of 70° in each eye; and is able to distinguish traffic signal colors of red, green, and amber.

(c) Is able to hear without a hearing aid a forced whisper voice at 5 feet.

(d) Has no established history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring any hypoglycemic agent for control.

(e) Has no clinical diagnosis of myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, dyspnea, collapse, or congestive cardiac failure.

(f) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of a respiratory dysfunction likely to interfere with his ability to control and drive a school bus safely.

(g) Has no clinical diagnosis of high blood pressure likely to interfere with his ability to operate a school bus safely.

(h) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of rheumatic, arthritic, orthopedic, muscular, neuromuscular, or vascular disease which interferes with his ability to control and operate a school bus safely.

(i) Has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a school bus.

(j) Has no mental, nervous, organic or functional disease or psychiatric disorder likely to interfere with his ability to drive a school bus safely.

(k) Does not use an amphetamine, narcotic, or any habit-forming or mind-altering drug.

(l) Has no current clinical diagnosis of alcoholism.

(m) Is free from tuberculosis in a communicable form as determined by a tuberculin test and/or a chest x-ray.

(2) The medical examination shall be performed by a licensed doctor of medicine or osteopathy with the exception that a licensed optometrist may, if the applicant so desires, perform that part of the examination that pertains to visual acuity, field of vision, and the ability to recognize colors.

(3) The medical examination results shall be recorded in the files of the examining physician. If an applicant meets all of the physical requirements listed in this Code, and if the examination reveals no other health condition likely to interfere with his ability to operate a school bus safely, the physician shall certify the applicant's physical qualification for a school bus driver's license.

(4) The medical examination shall be performed within the three month period prior to issuance of an original or renewed school bus driver's license.

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