

290-2-4-.08 Physical Examination for School Bus Drivers. No person shall be allowed to operate a school bus transporting students to or from school or school-related events unless the person is physically qualified to drive a school bus, in accordance with the provisions of Section 16-27-4.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975.

(1) A driver operating a school bus transporting students to or from school or school-related events must pass a physical examination, at their expense, and provide the Alabama School Bus Driver Physical Examination Report ("Report") to the employing board of education.

(a) A driver employed on May 14, 2012 must pass the initial physical examination and provide the Report to the employing local board of education before August 14, 2012 and every two years thereafter.

(b) A person holding an Alabama School Bus Driver Certificate who is not employed by a local board of education on May 14, 2012 must pass the initial physical examination and provide the Report to the employing local board of education before being allowed to operate a school bus and every two years thereafter.

(c) A person obtaining an Alabama School Bus Driver Certificate after May 14, 2012 must pass the initial physical examination and provide the Report to the employing board of education before being allowed to operate a school bus and every two years thereafter.

(2) The results of a school bus driver physical examination shall be documented on the Alabama School Bus Driver Physical Examination Report ("Report") provided by the State Department of Education and the Report shall be filed with the superintendent of the employing local board of education.

(3) A school bus driver holding a current, valid medical card issued by a DOT-certified medical examiner may comply with this regulation by completing the appropriate section of the Report and submitting the Report and a copy of their DOT Medical Card to the employing local board of education.

(4) A school bus driver holding a valid Alabama School Bus Driver Certificate may be grandfathered in for any condition noted on the Report, if the Report includes the following:

(a) A written statement from the physician that the any condition the school bus driver has will not adversely affect his or her ability to control and safely operate a school bus, and,

(b) A signed written waiver.

(5) A local board of education shall certify to the State Department of Education in the Annual Comprehensive Plan for Transportation that all school bus drivers and substitute school bus drivers operating a school bus transporting students to or from school or school-related events are in compliance with the applicable physical examination requirements.

(6) The State Department of Education shall revoke the Alabama School Bus Driver Certificate of a driver who does is not in compliance with the applicable physical examination requirements.

(7) A local board of education may require a school bus driver to undergo additional physical examinations in accordance with federal or state law.

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