

WAC 392-144-102 Continuing requirements for authorized school bus drivers. Every authorized school bus driver must continue to meet the following requirements:

(1) **Valid driver's license.** Have a valid driver's license or commercial driver's license, as required by law, issued by the state department of licensing.

(2) **In-service training course.** Satisfactorily complete the annual school bus driver in-service training course.

(a) A school bus driver's authorization shall lapse effective the first day of November if the driver has not completed the in-service training course for the current school year. A lapsed authorization can be reinstated when in-service has been completed for that school year, provided the authorization has not expired.

(b) A school bus driver's authorization shall expire effective the first day of November of the second school year without successful completion of the school bus driver's in-service training for the past and current school year. Reinstatement of a school bus driver's authorization that has expired requires another successful completion of the "School bus driver training course."

(c) A school bus driver with a lapsed or expired authorization cannot transport students in a school bus or other local education agency vehicle for purposes defined in WAC 392-144-020(3).

(3) **First-aid training.** Maintain current and valid training in a first-aid course accepted by the local education agency.

(4) **Disclosure of legal actions.** Submit annually to the local education agency a disclosure of all crimes against children or other persons and all civil adjudications in a dependency action or in a domestic relation action and all disciplinary board final decisions of sexual abuse or exploitation or physical abuse as required by RCW 43.43.834(2) and disclosure of all convictions which may be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of authorization under WAC 392-144-103.

(5) **Physical requirements.** Every authorized school bus driver must continue to meet the following physical requirements:

(a) Is physically able to maneuver and control a school bus under all driving conditions; and

(b) Is physically able to use all controls and equipment found on state minimum specified school buses; and

(c) Is physically able to perform daily routine school bus vehicle safety inspections; and

(d) Has sufficient strength and agility to move about in a school bus as required to provide assistance to students in evacuating the bus. The driver must be able to move from a seated position in a sixty-five passenger school bus, or the largest school bus the driver will be operating, to the emergency door, open the emergency door, and exit the bus through the emergency door, all within twenty-five seconds. A local education agency may develop and implement an alternative assessment of physical strength and agility. The alternate assessment must be submitted by the local education agency superintendent for review and approval by the superintendent; and

(e) Provide a copy of a current and valid medical examiner's certificate to their employer.

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