

**WAC 392-144-120 School bus driver authorization—Requirements and issuing procedures.** A school bus driver authorization may be issued by the superintendent upon application by an authorized representative of the employing local education agency subject to compliance with the following provisions:

(1) **Requirements for authorization.** The employing local education agency shall forward to the superintendent the following verifications relating to the applicant:

(a) Verification of successful completion of the school bus driver training course taught by an authorized school bus driver instructor.

(b) Verification that it has on file a copy of a current and valid medical examiner's certificate.

(c) Verification that it has on file an original, current employment driver's abstract, including departmental actions, of the applicant's employment and nonemployment driving record obtained from the department of licensing verifying compliance with all provisions of this chapter. For applicants that have an out-of-state license, the district is required to annually obtain a current driving record from the corresponding state. The issue date of this abstract must be within sixty calendar days prior to the date an application was submitted for temporary authorization. If no request for a temporary school bus authorization was submitted, the issue date must be within sixty calendar days prior to the date of application of the school bus driver authorization.

(d) Verification that the applicant has completed a current and valid first-aid training course.

(e) Verification that it has on file a disclosure statement in compliance with preemployment inquiry regulations in WAC 162-12-140, signed by the applicant, specifying all convictions which relate to fitness to perform the job of a school bus driver under WAC 392-144-103 and all crimes against children or other persons, that meets the requirements of RCW 43.43.834(2).

(f) Verification that it has on file the results of a criminal record check as required under chapter 28A.400 RCW and that such results establish that the applicant has not committed any offense which constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking an authorization under this chapter and the date of such request.

(g) Verification that the applicant complies with all of the requirements for authorized school bus drivers set forth in this chapter.

(2) **Notice of authorization.** Upon approval of an application, the superintendent shall issue a notice of school bus driver authorization to the employing local education agency.

(3) **Issuance of subsequent authorizations.** Subsequent authorizations for an individual driver with new or additional employing local education agency(ies) must be issued from the superintendent to such agency(ies) prior to the operation of any motor vehicle for the transportation of children.

(4) **Authorization to drive for two local education agencies.** If two local education agencies enter into an interlocal agreement for the services of a school bus driver, the school bus driver does not need to be authorized in the nonemploying local education agency. The school bus driver is required to have a valid school bus driver's authorization with the employing local education agency.

(5) **List of authorized drivers.** The superintendent will provide each local education agency with a list of their authorized school bus drivers and each authorized school bus driver's status.

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