

## **Business and Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Bus Contractor**

Transportation shall be provided by private contractors consistent with contractual arrangements as offered by the Board of Education from time to time.

School bus contractors shall garage their vehicles within the geographic limits of the Stonington school district.

1. The school bus contractor may be determined by public competitive bid and shall be qualified in all ways as required by Connecticut General Statutes. The Board of Education may extend an existing bus contract.
  - a. Contracts shall not exceed five years in length.
2. The school bus contractor shall submit a bid if a bid is let out conforming to all bid specifications.
3. Only Board approved drivers may operate school buses for the school district.
4. Each school bus driver shall have an annual physical examination, including a TB test, shall hold appropriate licenses, and shall have State Police clearance before he/she is eligible to transport children for the Board of Education.
5. Contracts for transportation approved by the district shall contain assurance that the contractor will establish a drug and alcohol testing program that meets the requirements of federal regulations and state statute and will fulfill the required monthly checks pertaining to information provided by the DMV Commissioner regarding the withdrawal, suspension or revocation of the licenses of drivers.
6. All state and federal laws and regulations concerning bus contractors and bus drivers shall be followed by the bus vendor.

(cf. 3541.22 – Drivers)

(cf. 4212.42 - Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 14-261b Drug and alcohol testing of drivers of certain vehicles, mechanics and forklift operators  
 14-276 to 14-279 re: school bus operators et. al  
 PA 07-224 An Act Concerning Operator's Licenses Bearing a School Bus Endorsement  
 United States Code, Title 49  
 2717 Alcohol and controlled substance testing (Omnibus)  
 Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991

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