

Revised or New Section	<p align="center"><b>Summary of Major Revisions to NDE Rule 91 – Effective 7.1.19</b> <i>Driver Qualifications &amp; Operational Procedures for Pupil Transportation Vehicles</i></p>
	<p>All statutory/regulatory language was removed -- only statutory cites remain in Rule.</p>
001.02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physicals will now be required every <b>two</b> years (Medical Examiner’s Certificate – short form).</li> <li>• All references of School Bus Permit was eliminated throughout rule due to LB347 (2017 Legislature).</li> <li>• Drivers are “qualified” to drive after completing training requirements and medical certificate provided to employers.</li> <li>• Only drivers holding CDLs will deal with DMV for licensing, but continue to be subject to Rule 91 training requirements.</li> </ul>
002.04	<p>Revised motor coach definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GVW must exceed 33,000 pounds</li> <li>• Semi-monocoque/monocoque unitized body construction               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Skin/shell of vehicle acts as a single unit with the supporting frame of the vehicle.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Designed to seat at least 32 passengers”.</li> <li>• Deleted “front doors only” and “no rear emergency exit”</li> </ul>
002.05	<p>Modification of 11-Hour Level I Instructional Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 hrs for school bus drivers.</li> <li>• 3 hrs for small vehicle drivers.</li> <li>• All drivers attend same course but small vehicle drivers attend only first three hours of course.</li> <li>• All participants must pass written exam at end of the training.</li> </ul>
002.14	<p>Definition of Route clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route means a designated course regularly traveled by a pupil transportation vehicle to pick up students from home or pickup points and take them to school or other locations related to a student’s instructional program or to deliver students from school to their homes or designated drop-off points.</li> </ul>
003.01	<p>Added language stating drivers employed by contractors must meet criteria to become a pupil transportation driver. <i>(previously inferred – clearly stated now)</i></p>
003.02D	<p>Requirements to maintain status as “qualified pupil transportation driver”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate on file with employer.</li> <li>• Complete Level II Training as required.</li> </ul>

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003.03	<p>Responsibilities of Employers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep a valid medical examination certificate on file for each driver.</li> <li>• If medical examiner certificate becomes invalid, employer required to remove driver from duties until a valid medical examination certificate is on file.</li> <li>• Criminal history records on file (must include info from the State Patrol) &amp; is updated every 5 years</li> <li>• Annual DMV report regarding driving history.</li> <li>• Annual In-Service Training: Minimum of 2 hours of in-service to all drivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Required topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Emergency evacuation,</li> <li>✓ Loading/unloading,</li> <li>✓ Student management,</li> <li>✓ Vehicle inspections,</li> <li>✓ School’s Safe Pupil Transportation Plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
004.01	<p>Pre-trip inspection is required for all vehicles - must be completed for each trip.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Trip” defined as the transportation from one predetermined destination to another with students on board. A new trip occurs whenever an hour or more expires before the next trip.</li> </ul>
004.05	<p>Emergency Evacuations can only be conducted by a qualified school bus driver.</p>
004.07F	<p>Children up to age 8 must be seated in a federally approved child passenger restraint systems per LB 42 (effective January 1, 2019).</p>
004.07L	<p>Pupil transportation drivers cannot <b>make phone calls or text</b> while operating pupil transportation vehicles. Must pull over to the shoulder before using cell phone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (This does not preclude the use of a two-way communication device required by 92 NAC 92-subsection 005.11.) <i>(Rule 91 previously addressed texting only)</i></li> </ul>
005.01	<p>Explosive devices cannot be transported (i.e. fireworks). Look-a-like weapons secured and not visible to passengers.</p>
005.02A5	<p><b><i>Addition to School Safe Pupil Transportation Plan:</i></b> Provide direction to driver on how to address unattended items on or near the pupil transportation vehicle.</p>
005.02A9	<p><b><i>Addition to School Safe Pupil Transportation Plan:</i></b> Functional Capacity of the Pupil Transportation Driver. School Safe Transportation Plan must include process to confirm a driver’s ability to conduct daily tasks and emergency evacuations.</p>
Appendix B	<p>Clarification added: Emergency Evacuation procedures for small vehicles must be established by school policy and be conducted twice a year.</p>
Appendix C	<p>New Inspection Component for Pre-Trip Inspections. Undercarriage (conducted each trip); visually inspect vehicle interior &amp; exterior for suspicious add-ons.</p>