

Business/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 Thomaston school district.

1. The school bus contractor shall be determined by public competitive bid and shall be qualified in all ways as required by Connecticut General Statutes.
2. The school bus contractor shall submit, at the time of bid, a list and description of vehicles to be used, and shall bring this list up to date by August 1 of each school year for Board approval.
3. Only Board approved drivers may operate school buses for the Thomaston 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.

(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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