3301-83-06 Personnel qualifications

Transportation Director/Supervisor:

Requires transportation director/supervisor to complete the classroom portion of the Ohio preservice driver training program at least once each six year. Newly assigned administrators need to complete the class within one year and seek assistance within 30 days.

School bus driver

Minimum age specified as 21

Railroad crossing violations may be substantiated by conviction, video evidence, or report by railroad official

Maintenance Personnel

Mechanics who may be required to operate a bus with pupils on board must meet all school bus driver requirements

On Board Instructor

Must be currently employed in a role that includes school bus driving duties, and be registered with ODE.

Must pass a driving and pretrip skills test each six years with their preservice instructor

Must be sponsored by a school transportation provider or preservice instructor

School Van Driver

Minimum age specified as 21

Railroad crossing violations may be substantiated by conviction, video evidence, or report by railroad official

3301-83-07 School transportation physical qualifications

Missing Limb and or impaired use of limb

Missing limb waiver expanded to include impaired use of limb.

Missing/Impaired limb waiver must be repeated with each driver recertification

TB test

Removed language requiring screening tuberculosis test as per ODH

Insulin Dependent waiver

Moved to new section (F)

New eligibility requirements that applicant may not have had a previous waiver revoked or lapsed

Reworded maintenance requirements of driver to keep their waiver valid

Waiver recipients must report to employer and ODE a citation for a moving violation of any vehicle, the judicial/administrative disposition of any citation for a moving violation in any vehicle, and involvement in any accident while operating any vehicle.

Added language clarifying ODE's authority to revoke a waiver for failure to comply with any of the requirements in the rule.

3301-83-12 Safety Procedures

General reorganization of section into (A) School bus stops, (B) Railroad crossings, (C) Turnaround, (D) School zone loading, (E) General operations

Railroad Grade crossings

Shortened section in administrative code, and now mandates that drivers follow procedures as documented in Preservice Driver Training Manual

School Zone loading/unloading

Specifies that warning flasher lights shall be deactivated when school bus is stopped in a school zone curbside on the roadway

General Procedures

Adds a specification that drivers must follow post-trip inspection procedures as detailed in the Ohio Preservice Driver Training manual.

3301-83-13 School bus routes and stops

Designation of school bus stops

Language adjusted to match Ohio Revised Code for board approval of routes – clarifying that boards can approve routes up to 30 days prior to school and up to 10 days after school starts.

'Designated place of safety' further defined as relative to the roadway the vehicle is scheduled to stop on.

School bus stop procedures

Section shortened in OAC .

Added language that requires drivers to follow Ohio preservice instructions.

Parking brake required to be set at all student stops

Route sheet details

Route sheet details moved to their own section (D)

3301-83-14 Records and reports

School Vehicle Accident reporting

Condensed language

Changed reporting threshold to $1000

3301-83-19 Authorized Vehicles for transportation of pupils

Public Transit vehicles

New section added to exclude the use of 10-15 passenger non-commercial vehicles

Vehicles other than school buses (Van rule)

New language to clearly establish that these rules to not apply to parental transportation

Moves vehicle requirements inside this section

Commercial carriers

Excludes 10-15 passenger non-commercial vehicles

Taxicabs

Moves taxicab section ahead of final paragraph that excludes all other vehicle types.

3301-83-23 Employment of school bus and school van drivers with criminal convictions

Preamble: establishes that this rule establishes specific offenses that are barriers to driving a school bus or van. Drivers who are arrested, summoned, or indicted for a specific violation must be suspended from duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child.

Drivers convicted of these specific crimes are permanently excluded for certain offenses, and for others may be considered for rehabilitation based upon the date of the offense and other factors.

This rule is based upon the current rule used for consideration of non-licensed school employees (3301-20-03), and has several new sections dealing with motor vehicle offenses.

Vehicular manslaughter and assault are added as permanent non-rehabilitative offenses.

Major motor vehicle offenses are identified including OMVI, reckless operation, driving under suspension, physical control of a vehicle while under the influence. Drivers convicted of these offenses may only be considered for employment after 6 years from the offense.

Other motor vehicle offenses are identified including violation of school bus warning lights, school zone speed limit, or railroad crossing violation. Drivers convicted of these offenses may only be considered for employment after 1 year from the offense.

Rehabilitation procedures are clarified so that in the event the driver is a contracted employee, if the driver is reemployed by the contractor they are required to notify a contracting agency of the driver's conviction. The school is not required to accept the employer's rehabilitation of the driver.