Student Transportation Laws

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TN Code Title 49 Education, Chapter 6 Elementary and Secondary Education, Part 21 Transportation:

49-6-2101. Power of boards to provide transportation.
49-6-2102. Rules and regulations.
49-6-2103. Transportation free.
49-6-2104. Payments in lieu of transportation.
49-6-2105. Maximum time in transit.
49-6-2106. Approval of routes.
49-6-2107. Certification of drivers and equipment.
49-6-2108. Drivers -- Physical and mental examinations.
49-6-2109. Equipment -- Commercial advertising.
49-6-2110. Safe operation of buses.
49-6-2111. School bus insurance.
49-6-2112. School bus tax exemption.
49-6-2113. Penalty for violations.
49-6-2115. Compliance with school bus and motor vehicle safety standards.
49-6-2116. Transportation supervisor -- Transportation policy relative to safe transport of students.
49-6-2117. Prohibition against nonpublic schools employing or permitting driver convicted of violations.
49-6-2118. Policies and procedures for students exiting school bus at stop other than regular bus stop -- Bus drivers' responsibilities -- Unruly students.
TN Code Title 55 Motor and Other Vehicles, Chapter 50 Uniform Classified and Commercial Driver License Act:


55-50-401. Limitation on number of driver licenses.

55-50-402. Notification required by employee.

55-50-403. Employer responsibilities.

55-50-404. Commercial driver license required.

55-50-405. Violations -- Penalties -- Driving under the influence.

55-50-406. Application for commercial driver license.


55-50-408. Driving under the influence.


55-50-411. Where denial of commercial driver license based on medical disqualification not permitted -- Suspension.

55-50-412. Approaching and driving over a railroad highway grade crossing.

55-50-413. Valid medical card required.

CFR Title 49 → Subtitle B → Chapter III → Subchapter B → Part 383. Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties.

Part 383

§383.35 Notification of previous employment.

§383.37 Employer responsibilities.

Drug and Alcohol Testing:

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol FAQ's

CFR Title 49 → Subtitle B → Chapter III → Subchapter B → Part 382. Controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.

CFR Title 49 → Subtitle A → Part 40 → Subpart B → §40.25. Procedures for transportation workplace drug and alcohol testing programs and subpart B Employer responsibilities.
Distracted Driving:

55-8-192. Use of portable electronic device by school bus drivers.

Annual MVR (Motor Vehicle Record) inquiry:

§391.25 Annual inquiry and review of driving record.

School Administered Child Care Programs:

State Board of Ed. Rule Chapter 0520-12-01

Persons improperly on school premises (including entering onto a school bus):

49-6-2008 Persons improperly on school premises, assault upon educational personnel

Passing a school bus:

55-8-151 Overtaking and passing school, youth or church bus -- Markings -- Discharging passengers -- Penalties.

Discipline:

49-6-3401 Suspension of Students (including from riding a school bus)

49-6-4106 Disciplinary referrals, notation of action taken returned to the referring staff member

49-6-4007 Code distribution and posting

49-6-4502 Harassment, intimidation, cyberbullying, bullying definitions.

Operation of school buses and Minimum standards for school buses:

State Board of Ed. Rule Chapter 0520-01-05

TOSHA:

Top 25 Most Cited Standards (see Public Sector).

CFR Title 29 → Subtitle B → Chapter XVII → Part 1910 → Subpart J → §1910.147. The Control of Hazardous Material. (Lockout/tagout.)