

**RSU #63**

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- b. Title:** School Vehicle Driver Qualifications
- c. Author:** Transportation Director
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- g. Policy Expiration:** Review as Needed
- h. Responsible for Review:** Director of Transportation & Policy Committee
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- j. References:**
  - Cross Referenced Policies:** EEAAA-School Vehicle Operating Procedures
  - EEAEA – Alcohol and Substance Testing for District Vehicle Drivers
  - EEA-Student Transportation
  - EEAEEB – Accident & Vehicle Failure Procedures for Bus Drivers
- k. Narrative:**

- I.** The safety and security of students is a top priority of the RSU 63 Board of Directors. To that end, drivers of RSU 63 vehicles shall be required to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and qualifications. Failure to perform at required standards will result in appropriate consequences up to, and including, termination of employment. Applicants and on-going personnel employed as Bus Drivers must meet the following qualifications:
  - A.** Be 21 years of age;
  - B.** Have held an appropriate operator’s license in Maine, or one from some other state, for at least one year;
  - C.** Hold a valid Maine operator’s license for the class of vehicle assigned to drive;
  - D.** Meet all special physical, mental, and moral requirements established by the Commissioner of Education;
  - E.** Pass such examinations as the Secretary of State shall prescribe to determine his/her ability to operate the specific class of vehicle to which assigned;
  - F.** Pass a yearly physical for bus drivers as required by the State of Maine;
  - G.** Be available to operate the vehicle on a scheduled route basis; be available to operate the vehicle when schedules are changed for any reason;
  - H.** Be willing to follow prescribed procedures and methods of driving vehicle so as

to maintain control and safety;

- I.** Adhere to RSU 63 policies regarding transportation of students;
  - J.** Demonstrate care and consideration of RSU 63 vehicles to help reduce operational costs associated with maintenance and repairs.
- II.** It is the employee's responsibility to maintain a valid operator's license.