

Revised or New Section	<p align="center">Summary of Major Revisions to NDE Rule 91 – Effective 7.1.19 <i>Driver Qualifications & 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"> • Physicals will now be required every two years (Medical Examiner’s Certificate – short form). • All references of School Bus Permit was eliminated throughout rule due to LB347 (2017 Legislature). • Drivers are “qualified” to drive after completing training requirements and medical certificate provided to employers. • Only drivers holding CDLs will deal with DMV for licensing, but continue to be subject to Rule 91 training requirements.
002.04	<p>Revised motor coach definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GVW must exceed 33,000 pounds • Semi-monocoque/monocoque unitized body construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skin/shell of vehicle acts as a single unit with the supporting frame of the vehicle. • Designed to seat at least 32 passengers”. • Deleted “front doors only” and “no rear emergency exit”
002.05	<p>Modification of 11-Hour Level I Instructional Course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 hrs for school bus drivers. • 3 hrs for small vehicle drivers. • All drivers attend same course but small vehicle drivers attend only first three hours of course. • All participants must pass written exam at end of the training.
002.14	<p>Definition of Route clarified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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"> • Valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate on file with employer. • Complete Level II Training as required.

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003.03	<p>Responsibilities of Employers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a valid medical examination certificate on file for each driver. • If medical examiner certificate becomes invalid, employer required to remove driver from duties until a valid medical examination certificate is on file. • Criminal history records on file (must include info from the State Patrol) & is updated every 5 years • Annual DMV report regarding driving history. • Annual In-Service Training: Minimum of 2 hours of in-service to all drivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Required topics include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Emergency evacuation, ✓ Loading/unloading, ✓ Student management, ✓ Vehicle inspections, ✓ School’s Safe Pupil Transportation Plan.
004.01	<p>Pre-trip inspection is required for all vehicles - must be completed for each trip.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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.
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 make phone calls or text while operating pupil transportation vehicles. Must pull over to the shoulder before using cell phone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (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>
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>Addition to School Safe Pupil Transportation Plan: Provide direction to driver on how to address unattended items on or near the pupil transportation vehicle.</p>
005.02A9	<p>Addition to School Safe Pupil Transportation Plan: 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 & exterior for suspicious add-ons.</p>