

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

**Policy 5610**

### **Transportation**

#### **School Bus Drivers**

The safety and welfare of District students is of paramount importance to the Board of Education. Accordingly, no person will operate any school bus owned by or under contract with the District unless the driver has qualified for a school bus endorsement and has complied with the relevant rules and regulations of the Department of Revenue and all final rules issued by the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation. A driver may also qualify if they possess a valid school bus endorsement on a valid commercial driver's license.

School bus endorsements are issued to applicants who meet the following qualifications:

- Has a valid state license;
- Is at least 21 years of age;
- Has passed an operator's examination prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Such Examination to include the commercial driver's license skills test (CDL); and
- Has obtained a satisfactory health certificate which will be valid for two (2) school years.

As deemed necessary by the District, individual drivers may be required to provide evidence of continued good health.

Operators who are 70 years of age or older will be required to annually pass the commercial driver's license skills test. Such annual examination does not include the pre-trip inspection portion of the CDL.

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