

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Bus Contractor

Transportation shall be provided by private contractors consistent with contractual arrangements as offered by the Board of Education from time to time.

School bus contractors shall garage their vehicles within the geographic limits of the New Milford school district.

1. The school bus contractor shall be determined by public competitive bid and shall be qualified in all ways as required by Connecticut General Statutes.
2. The school bus contractor shall submit, at the time of bid, a list and description of vehicles to be used, and shall bring this list up to date by August 1 of each school year.
3. The Board reserves the right to disapprove of any drivers who may operate school buses for the New Milford school district.
4. Each school bus driver shall have an annual physical examination, including a TB test, shall hold appropriate licenses, and shall have State Police clearance before he/she is eligible to transport children for the Board of Education.
5. Contracts for transportation approved by the district shall contain assurance that the contractor will establish a drug and alcohol testing program that meets the requirements of federal and state law.

The Board of Education may waive provisions of this policy when it finds that any such waiver is in the best interests of the school district.

(cf. 4212.42 - Drug & Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 14-212 Definitions
 14-276a School bus operators and operators of student transportation vehicles: Regulations; qualifications; training; drug testing
 31-51u Drug testing; requirements
 31-51v Drug testing; prospective employees
 31-51x Drug testing: Reasonable suspicion required. Random tests.

United States Code
 49 U.S.C. 2717 (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991)
 49 C.F.R. Parts 40, 382 & 391(Regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Admin.)

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