

# Bus Driver Acknowledgment of Particular Laws and Rules

## I. 169A.31 ALCOHOL-RELATED SCHOOL BUS OR HEAD START BUS DRIVING.

Subdivision 1. **Crime described.** It is a crime for any person to drive, operate, or be in physical control of any class of school bus or Head Start bus within this state when there is physical evidence present in the person's body of the consumption of any alcohol.

Interpretation: The only acceptable Blood Alcohol Content for a school bus driver, including Type III Vehicle drivers, is **ZERO**.

## II. 299A.14 VEHICLE INSPECTION.

Subdivision 1. **Inspection certificate required.** No person shall drive and no operator shall knowingly permit or cause a vehicle to be used for transportation service unless there is displayed thereon a certificate issued upon inspection by the commissioner of public safety as provided in this section.

## III. 169.443 SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN; BUS DRIVER'S DUTIES.

Subd. 9. **Personal cellular phone call prohibition.** A school bus driver may not operate a school bus while communicating over, or otherwise operating, a cellular phone, whether hand-held or hands free, when the vehicle is in motion.

## IV. MN Rule: 7470.1500 DRIVER OF TYPE III VEHICLES.

The driver of a Type III vehicle shall not:

- a. operate the vehicle as a Type A, B, C, or D school bus;
- b. stop traffic;
- c. load or unload in a vehicular traffic lane or on the shoulder, but is restricted to curb, non-traffic side (normal parking lane), off-street loading areas, driveways, yard service, and other areas to avoid any hazardous conditions;
- d. load or unload in the right-hand lane of the roadway, designated turn lane, or lane immediately adjacent to a designated right-hand turn lane;
- e. load or unload so that a pupil has to cross the road, except where not possible or impractical, then the driver or aide shall personally escort the pupil across the road;
- f. escort a pupil across the road under item E unless the motor is stopped, the ignition key is removed, the brakes are set, and the vehicle is otherwise rendered immobile; or
- g. load or unload before making a complete stop and disengaging gears by shifting into neutral or park.

## V. Pre-Trip Inspection:

No student may be transported in a Type III or other school bus unless a driver has a completed pre-trip inspection form completed on that day for that bus. The form must be signed and dated. If a law enforcement official determines that this law has been violated, a citation will be issued to the driver.

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I hereby attest that I have read the requirements listed above pertaining to driving a Type III vehicle:

Name (printed and signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_