

**PERSONNEL**

**SUBJECT: Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers**

The County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools desire to ensure that County Office of Education-provided transportation is safe for students, staff, and the public. To that end, the County Superintendent or designee shall establish a drug and alcohol testing program for all County Office of Education drivers and other employees who hold a commercial driver's license which is necessary to perform duties related to their employment with the County Office of Education. This program shall be designed to fulfill the requirements of state and federal law.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)  
(cf. 3543 - Transportation Safety and Emergencies)

The County Office of Education's testing program shall include pre-employment drug testing and reasonable suspicion, random, post-accident, return-to-duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing of drivers. (49 USC 31306)

The County Superintendent or designee shall contract for testing services and shall ensure that testing contractors and procedures are certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct drug specimen analysis and to conform to the requirements of federal law.

(cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)

No driver may operate a County Office of Education vehicle when his/her blood alcohol content is found to be .01 percent or greater. A driver shall not consume alcohol while on duty or for four hours prior to on-duty time and up to eight hours following an accident or until he/she undergoes a post-accident test, whichever occurs first. A driver shall not report for duty or remain on duty that requires performing safety-sensitive functions when the driver uses a controlled substance, unless so instructed by a physician. (49 CFR 382.205, 382.207, 382.209; Vehicle Code 34520.3; 13 CCR 1213.1)

Any driver who tests positive for alcohol or drugs or who refuses to submit to a test shall be removed from safety-sensitive functions and may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in accordance with law, administrative regulations, and the County Office of Education's collective bargaining agreement.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each driver receives an explanation of the federal regulations and the County Office of Education's policy and

procedure in accordance with law. In addition, each driver shall sign a statement certifying that he/she has received a copy of the above materials. Representatives of employee organizations shall be notified of the availability of this information. (49 CFR 382.601)

(cf. 4112.9 - Employee Notifications)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35160 Authority of governing boards

VEHICLE CODE

34500-34520.5 Safety regulations

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

1200-1293 Motor carrier safety, especially:

1213.1 Placing drivers out-of-service

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 49

31306 Alcohol and controlled substances testing

41501-41507 Transportation Employee Testing Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

40.1-40.413 Part 40, Procedures for transportation workplace drug and alcohol testing programs

382.101-382.605 Controlled substance and alcohol use and testing; especially:

382.205 On-duty use

382.207 Pre-duty use

382.209 Use following an accident

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance:  
<http://www.dot.gov/ost/dapc>