

Requirements for Becoming and Remaining a School Bus Driver

Requirements	Authorizing Agencies		
	MDE	MDS	DOT
Age (Over 18)	✓	✓	
Medical physical (up to 2 years)	✓		✓
Medical diabetes (up to 12 months)	✓		
Criminal Record Check	✓		
Driving Record Check	✓	✓	
Commercial Driver License and Endorsements	✓	✓	
Group Designation B or C	✓	✓	
Endorsements P & S, possibly airbrakes	✓	✓	
Endorsement Chauffeur if you drive for pay	✓	✓	
Commercial Skills Test for initial license	✓	✓	
Commercial Skills Test for at fault traffic ticket	✓		
Drug & Alcohol Testing for CDL (47643N)			✓
Drug & Alcohol previous employer verification			✓
Beginning School Bus Driver class	✓		
School Bus Driver Continuing Education class	✓		

*M.D.S. (Michigan Department of State – Program Operations Division)
Licenses school bus drivers and enforces CDL requirements.

**M.D.E. (Michigan Department of Education) Certifies school bus drivers and
enforces education, license, and physical requirements.

***DOT (Department of Transportation) Federal enforcement of DOT physical standards
and drug testing requirements.