



Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's opportunities

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TO: Superintendents
Transportation Directors

RE: Texas School Bus Driver Safety Education Training – Testing Guidelines and Procedures

TO: Transportation Supervisors

Texas Administrative Code - Testing Guidelines and Procedures

Rule §14.33 (d) "A minimum score of 80% open book shall be required for satisfactory completion of both the twenty-hour certification course and the eight-hour recertification course."

To comply with recent changes in the Texas Administrative Code regarding Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Course Testing Guidelines and Procedures (cited above), the Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training program is being revised at the regional level. Our first priority must be to ensure that each participant is able to grasp and retain the safety techniques taught in the Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Certification Course.

The Twenty-Hour Texas School Bus Driver Certification Course and the Eight-Hour Texas School Bus Driver Re-Certification Course presentation include discussion of the material in the respective school bus driver training safety manuals, lecture, approved videos, required reading of the Driver Resource Manual, and a written examination. The following scoring procedures have been implemented effective September 1, 2009.

A) If the participant achieves a passing score of at least 80%, he/she will be deemed to have successfully completed the class. The final test score will be recorded on the participant's answer sheet, as well as the attendance record.

B) If the participant does not achieve an acceptable 80% passing score on the written test, the following procedures will then be utilized.

- 1) If the score is 70% to 79.9%, an oral exam will be administered, to the participant by the Instructor, after class has concluded. If the Instructor feels the participant has demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the material, he/she will approve the participant's successful completion of the Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Certification Course. This score will be reflected on the participant's attendance record, with notification to the appropriate driver's supervisor within two business days.
- 2) If responses indicate the participant has not demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the material, he/she will not approve the participant's successful completion of the Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Course. These comments will also be reflected on the participant's attendance record. The participant will then be required to attend the next applicable School Bus Driver Safety Training program as a make-up participant. This notification will be made to the appropriate driver's supervisor within two business days.
- 3) If the participant's test score is below 70%, he/she will be required to attend the first available respective Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Course as a make-up participant.

If you have any questions about this information, please contact Pat Garcia at either (817) 740-3603, or pgarcia@esc11.net

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