

Van Driver Training Evaluation

“Behind the Wheel”

Nebraska Department of Education Pupil Transportation Rule 91 (002.15) requires drivers of pupil transportation vehicles that were originally manufactured as 15-passenger vans but were modified to carry a maximum of 10 passengers to take a four-hour Van Driving Course. This training consists of a three-hour class and one hour spent actually driving a modified 15-passenger van for “Behind the Wheel” hands-on training and evaluation.

The one-hour “Behind the Wheel” training and evaluation of the candidate is conducted by a driver holding a current school bus permit and can be completed at the local school. This evaluation will provide the Van Driver Instructor and/or employer with valuable information as to the candidates’ skill deficiencies that may need to be addressed prior to issuance of the Certification of Completion of Van Driver Training.

The Evaluation Form below lists the individual criteria that must be successfully completed by each driver candidate. On the reverse side of the form, a map of the route driven during the training and evaluation must appear indicating successful evaluation of all required components.

A Certificate of Completion for the Van Driving Class will be issued by the Nebraska Safety Center after all requirements have been met by taking the three-hour class and completing the one-hour “Behind the Wheel” Training.

The following must be on file with the employing school as documentation to meet this requirement:

- Completed Evaluation Form (Van Driver “Behind the Wheel” Training) with a map of the route driven during the training and evaluation on the reverse side
- Certificate of Completion of Van Driver Training

School District: _____

Examiner’s Name: _____ **School Bus Permit #** _____

Driver’s Name: _____

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Name: _____

DATE	DRIVING TIME		U	S	PRE-DRIVE CHECKS and lights, signals, brakes	DIRECTION CONTROL vehicle	SEARCH Route awareness/plan ahead	SPEED	TRAFFIC LAWS	ATTITUDE COURTESY	SECURING VEHICLES	COMMENTS Unsatisfactory Requires a written comment	EXAMINER
		Residential Area											
		L-R Turns	U	S	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		
		Controlled/ Uncontrolled	U	S									
		Intersections	U	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
		Stop Signs	U	S									

		Highway/Interstate Area											
		Entrance-gap	U	S	U	U	U	U	U	U	U		
		Exit	U	S									
		Speed- 65 mph	U	S									
		Lane change	U	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S		
		Construction changes	U	S									

Required elements in route:

1. Discuss speed limits
2. Discuss three way stop
3. Discuss turns, stopping distances, following distances, and school crossings
4. Discuss lane changing procedures
5. Discuss gaps, interstate emergency shoulder lane, and speed limit
6. Discuss off-road recovery procedures

Route map must appear on reverse side

7/8/08

Van Route Map