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Educational Support Personnel

5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers

The Board of Education believes that the safety of students while being transported to and from school or school activities is of utmost importance and is the primary responsibility of the driver of the school vehicle. To fulfill such a responsibility, each driver, as well as others who perform safety-sensitive functions with District vehicles must be mentally and physically alert at all times while on duty. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The District shall adhere to State and federal law and regulations requiring a drug and alcohol testing program for school bus and commercial vehicle drivers. The Superintendent or designee manages a program to implement State and federal law defining the circumstances and procedures for the testing.

LEGAL REF.:

[625 ILCS 5/6-106.1](#) and [5/6-106.1c](#).

[49 U.S.C. §31306](#), Alcohol and Controlled Substances Testing (Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, [P.L. 102-143](#)).

[49 C.F.R. Parts 40](#) (Procedures for Transportation Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs), [382](#) (Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing), and [395](#) (Hours of Service of Drivers).

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications)

PRESSPlus Comments

[PRESSPlus 1](#). This policy is suggested to be reviewed by the Board. According to policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, "[t]he Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required." IASB suggests that each policy in the Board's policy manual be reviewed at a minimum of every five years. As part of the review, the Board may choose to:

- Compare the adopted version to the current PRESS sample (available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com), discussing any differences and/or options noted in the footnotes to determine whether local changes are necessary
- Update the policy language due to changes in local conditions
- Make no changes, but update the adoption date to reflect that the policy has been reviewed and re-adopted

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