



School Bus Driver Evaluation – Type III Vehicles Only

District/Carrier: _____ Date: _____

Driver: _____ Evaluator: _____

Check the box for each task only when the driver completes it successfully.

Defensive Driving	Evaluated
Accelerates smoothly	
See hazards early 15 sec.	
Following distance 6 sec.	
Check mirrors every 5-8 sec.	
Move eyes every 2 sec.	
Space cushion	
Car length at stops	
Eye contact	
Brakes early and smoothly	
Pedestrian awareness	
Communicates intentions	
Tire to ground contact	
Parked vehicles	
Packs/clusters	
Pacing lights	

Merging/Lane Changes	Evaluated
Signals intent	
Checks mirrors	
Gradual merge/change	
Speed of approach vehicles	
Stays in acceleration lane	
Correct merge speed	

Right Turns	Evaluated
Signals in advance	
Properly checks mirrors	
Positions vehicle in correct lane	
Uses reference points	
Checks tail swing	
Complete turn in lane	
Yields appropriately to traffic	
Uses push/pull steering	

Left Turns	Evaluated
Signals in advance	
Properly checks mirrors	
Positions vehicle in correct lane	
Uses reference points	
Checks tail swing	
Complete turn in lane	
Yields appropriately to traffic	
Uses push/pull steering	

Backing	Evaluated
Mirror use	
Uses 4-way flashers	
Opens window	
Straight line backing	
Parallel parking	
Utilizes assistance as needed	

Intersections	Evaluated
Fresh/stale green light	
Covers brakes	
Scans before entry	
Checks mirrors/braking	
Left-Right-Left scan	
Delayed acceleration	
Yields right of way	
Does not change lanes	

Parking (uphill/downhill)	Evaluated
Within curb line	
Wheels turned correctly	
Parking brake set	
Identified tail swing upon exit	

Bridge/Underpass	Evaluated
Knows weight restriction	
Knows bus clearance height	



Loading/Unloading	Evaluated
Mirror usage on approach	
Turn signal use	
Distance from students	
Not in intersection	
Gear selector to "Park"	
Student mgmt. – load/unload	
Students seated before move	
Counts students away	
Mirror scans	
Proceeds with caution	
Warns students of hazards	
Explains loading/unloading	
Points of hazards	
Student mgmt. on route	
Car seat use procedure	
Evacuation procedures	

Special Needs	Evaluated
Lift use	
Secures/stows equipment	
Secures passengers	
Identifies equipment	

Carrier-defined items	Evaluated

Note to evaluator:
The driver being evaluated must successfully complete each task. If the driver fails to successfully complete a task, you must take immediate corrective action to ensure the driver performs each task correctly.

Comments:

Evaluator signature: _____ Driver signature: _____