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Action

A/S Comment was accepted and supports the proposed policy

A/C Comment was accepted and resulted in changes to the proposed policy

N Comment was not accepted

DATE	COMMENTER	COMMENTS	ACTION	RATIONALE
		§126-92-1. General.		
		N/A		
		§126-92-2. Incorporation by Reference.		
		N/A		
		§126-92-3. Public School District Requirements.		
		N/A		
		§126-92-4. Severability.		
		N/A		
		West Virginia Minimum School Transportation Procedures Manual		
5-15-2025	Julie Koehler LPN Transportation Wheeling WV	Is there anything regarding the loading and unloading on a lift that is in writing that the operator or / LPN/ aide can denying transport of a disabled child when the wheelchair brakes are broke and or don't work properly for safety. There is no documentation I have found . This falls heavy on the operator/ LPN/ Aide as service personnel and is a liability. We are to follow the directions of administration but puts are jobs a risk.	A/C	There were no guidelines for wheelchair safety mentioned in policy. Added to Section 3: D, E, and F.
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Director of Transportation Lincoln County	Section 1: Bus Passenger Regulations H. This section discusses transportation requirements regarding WV Universal Pre-K and CSRS's. 1-5 should include any time a CSRS is used. Add # 8 "No student shall be carried on of off the bus" as per the National Standards Guidelines.	A/C	States when these requirements apply. Newly added to the National Standard Guidelines in May 2025.
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Director of Transportation Lincoln County	Section 3: Regulations for Transporting Students with Disabilities Requiring Special Transportation	A/C	A. Newly added to the National Standard Guidelines in May 2025.

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		<p>A. Add "No student shall be carried on or off the bus" as per the National Standards Guidelines.</p> <p>D. Add "the aide shall position him/herself on the bus in a position that best services the needs of the students."</p> <p>F. The word "minimum" needs to be inserted before six hours.</p>		<p>D. Added to G. 3.</p> <p>F. Added to I</p>
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Director of Transportation Lincoln County	<p>Section 8: General Operating Procedures</p> <p>H. "Stopper" needs to be stopped.</p>	A/C	Correct a spelling error
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Director of Transportation Lincoln County	<p>Section 15: 13.a. what portion of the exam should be re-administered if they fail a portion of the exam?</p>	A/C	States where the reexam shall start in the event of failure.
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Director of Transportation Lincoln County	<p>Section 18: C.2. "Installing a road ready tire chain in ten minutes" I am requesting this because anyone can "throw" a chain on the bus, but is it road ready?</p>	A/C	Defines how the tire chain is to be installed.
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT	<p>Section 19: Reasons for Suspension, Revocation, of Non-renewal of Certification of Operators</p> <p>A. 11. Add "including but not limited to driving through flooded roadways, incomplete pre-trip and post trip inspections"</p>	A/C	By doing these things, it threatens the safety of students and other road users.
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT	<p>Section 25: WVDE Certified School Bus Operator Trainers</p> <p>C. Driver Trainer Recertification 1. How often will the trainers be required to recertify? What happens if the fail to do so? Or fail to pass any required exams?</p>	A/C	Defines how often a trainer is to recertify, what happens if the fail to pass any required exam, and what happens if the fail to recertify.
5-29-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT	<p>Section 26: Reasons for Suspension, Revocation, of Non-renewal of Operator Training Certification.</p> <p>H. Add the word Refusal of before Failure.</p>	A/C	Includes the refusal to submit to a drug or alcohol test as well as a failure of a drug and alcohol test.
6-5-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT Matheny WV	<p>Section 8: General Operating Procedures</p> <p>C. The operator shall not knowingly operate an unsafe bus and shall perform all inspections and duties set forth in section 33 of this manual and any additional inspections and duties required by the public school districts.</p> <p>(the following needs to be added to this section: "A mechanic shall not knowingly place an unsafe bus in operation for the purpose of transporting students".)</p>	A/C	Adds the responsibility to all people involved in school transportation for allowing an unsafe bus to be used for transporting students.

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6-5-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT Matheny WV	Section 1: Bus Passenger Regulations D. Enrolling or enrolled students, employees, or persons approved previously by a public school district are the only passengers eligible to be transported by the public school district school transportation system. (Should this not be approved by the local school board, the public school district doesn't approve who can ride)	N	The wording of county board was changed to public school district to include charter schools.
6-6-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT Matheny WV	Section 3: Regulations for Transporting Students with Disabilities Requiring Special Transportation (add: AS PER THE IEP) B. Add: "if possible, the transfer should be conducted on Board of Education Property." G. The aides duties should have time limits similar to the bus operator physical performance exam.	A/C A/S	B. adds best practice for transfers G. is addressed in section J.
6-6-2025	Peggy Stone Treasurer WVAPT Matheny WV	Section 10: N. Railroad-highway Crossing Procedures (states to follow code §17C-12-3) This code states "Every bus transporting passengers stop, (do buses stop when empty?) C. Turn of all radios and noisy equipment and silence all passengers, (does this apply to the two-way radio also?)	A/C A/C	Clarification as to when the bus is required to stop. C. Includes two-way radio in what needs to be turned off.
6-7-25	Shonda Smith Tioga Wv	My daughter will be a junior this year and attends NCHS. It's being brought to our attention that Nicholas County will no longer do bus transfers to preferred schools this upcoming year. We live about 25 minutes either way from NCHS && The New School being built in Richwood for the combined complex K-12 thats supposed to be completed and open this upcoming school year. Many students will be bussed the same distance and time from their home to the new school complex or NCHS. I'm speaking of Craigsville, Cottle, and Nettie area Eliminating the bus transfers will affect a lot of families and students as the majority of us parents work in this area and can not get the kids to and from school. It's disheartening to think these kids will have to transfer schools if	N	Comment does not have anything to do with the policy.

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		<p>their parents cant get them there without the help of the public school transportation and in my opinion i think our county boe is trying to pass this for their own agenda to bring the enrollment up to the new complex.</p> <p>The kids in Nicholas County have endured enough since the flood in 2016. I'm asking everyone to please reconsider and to continue bussing these kids. Let the students continue to go where they have gone for many years.</p>		
6-10-2025	Peggy Stone Director of Transportation Lincoln County	<p>Section 18: Responsibilities of Certified Operators for Renewal of Certification</p> <p>A. The operator shall notify the district's director and the medical examiner of any medication taken or the use of any controlled and/or over-the-counter substance that may interfere with the safe operation of a bus. A copy of the West Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Operations, Prescription/OTC Medication Restriction Guidelines, that contains examples of drugs that may interfere with the safe operation of a bus, may be obtained from the district's director or the WVDE Office of School Transportation. The operator shall promptly notify the district's director of any driving under the influence (DUI)/driving while intoxicated (DWI) charge and any moving vehicle violations received while driving any vehicle.</p> <p>Should say "Next business day"</p>	A/C	Changes "promptly" to "next business day." This change gives a clear timeline as to when the offence is to be reported to the district's director.