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New Mexico School Bus Driver Competition 2019

Information Sheet

Congratulations!

You have placed first in your District School Bus Driver Competition (Road-e-o) or have been selected by your district to be here at state. The winner from here will go on to the School Bus Driver International Safety Competition.

In order for you to compete you must:

- Be currently employed as a regular school bus driver.
- Have a valid New Mexico Commercial Driver's License with proper endorsements.
- Have all New Mexico School Bus Drivers qualifications.
- No preventable school bus accidents within the last twelve (12) consecutive months.

You must also supply the following along with your registration form:

- Copy of your Commercial Driver's License
- Copy of your Driver's License Check (available at MVD)
- Copy of your DOT Medical Card

You must complete and turn in your registration form before May 27, 2019 to be able to compete.

The New Mexico School Bus Driver Competition will be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico at Santa Fe Public Schools. That is just a short drive North of Albuquerque.

All contestants must be checked in before 9:00 am
Test will begin at 9:30 am

Directions

**Santa Fe Public Schools
2201 Yucca Rd.
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 467-3500**



We look forward to seeing you at the NM School Bus Driver Safety Competition!

Registration Form

* Please fax, mail or email this registration form for your local school district and/or regional School Bus Driver Safety Competition (Road-e-o) winner to:

Cindi Gallegos
PO Box 160
Sandia Park, NM 87047

Fax (505) 281-1848
Billy Huish (505) 599-8623

Deadline to submit form: No later than May 27, 2019

Personal Information

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Email Address	
School District	
Company Name	

Driver's Biography

Number of Years Driving a School Bus	
Awards	
Why do you like being a school bus driver	

In order to compete, you will need to include the following:

- **Copy of Commercial Driver's License**
- **Copy of your Driver's License Check (available at MVD)**
- **Copy of your DOT Medical Card**

Rules & Regulations

- Contestants are to report to the registration area of the competition site by 9:00am. Individuals who did not report on time may be disqualified.
- No smoking, eating or drinking, or the usage of cell phones and music radios are not permitted during any phase of the actual competition.
- Contestants will have 45 minutes to take the written test. The written test will consist of questions of General Knowledge and Inspection.
- Driving part will continue right after the written test.
- Winners will be announced following the conclusion of the competition.

Disqualifications

- Any of the following may result in disqualification of a contestant:
Any misconduct on the part of a participant or spectator such as the following:
 - Unprofessional behavior
 - Use of drugs
 - Use of any alcohol during or immediately prior to the competition.
- Drivers are required to produce a valid Commercial Driver's License with proper endorsements, current DOT physical examination form, MVD License check, and must have completed all New Mexico School Bus Drivers qualifications and had no preventable school bus accidents within the last 12 consecutive months.

The School Bus Safety New Mexico committee members will make final determination on any disqualification.

Type of Bus

2018 International School Bus
71 passenger



General Knowledge Written Test

Purpose of Test

A school bus driver must be familiar with many laws and regulations, which he/she must faithfully observe. Experts in the school transportation industry have established these laws and regulations over many years. Contestants for the State Competition are encouraged to study the rules, regulations, and laws for school bus drivers.

Publications to study for the State Competition written test are as follows:

Commercial Driver License Manual

National Construction Standards

Standards for Transporting Eligible Students 6.41.4

DDC Coaching the School Bus Driver

Instructions

This test will be composed of 35 questions. These statements will be based on the publication(s) mentioned above and on common sense.

Scoring

A total time limit of 45 minutes has been established for the General Knowledge Test and the Vehicle Inspection Test. Each test question answered incorrectly or not completed will result in a charge of two (2) demerits for the written test.

Vehicle Inspection Written Test

Purpose of Test

A school bus driver is required by law to conduct a daily inspection of his/her bus before transporting pupils. A school bus found to be unsafe shall not be used for the transportation of pupils until such defect(s) are corrected. A vehicle inspection should be planned and conducted in a systematic and logical manner to ensure that all defects are found and noted. The purpose of this test is to evaluate the knowledge of the contestant on doing a proper vehicle inspection. The test will additionally check the contestants of “why” he/she checks certain items.

Instructions

This test will be a written test of 15 questions about pre-trip inspection and brake system requirements.

Scoring

A total time limit of 45 minutes has been established for both general knowledge and pre-trip tests. Each test question answered incorrectly or not completed will result in a charge of two (2) demerits.