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7D VANS RULES FOR DRIVING

7D Vehicles:

Massachusetts law restricts 7D vehicles to carrying a maximum of eight (8) pupil passengers and one (1) driver. If, in addition to a driver, a monitor is to be transported, then the maximum number of pupil passengers that can be transported is seven (7).

License:

A special license is required to operate a 7D vehicle. An applicant must be at least 21 years of age and have had a driver's license for the three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the application. The applicant must pass a CORI, be of good moral character, pass an eye exam, a physical exam and a written knowledge exam. A license is valid for one year. Operators of 7D vehicles must possess and be able to present a valid 7D license whenever operating these 7D vehicles.

7D Vehicle Requirements:

- In addition to displaying the current state safety and emissions inspection sticker (annual inspection required), the vehicle must also display the current 7D Inspection Sticker in the top center portion of the windshield (semi-annual inspection required)
- **THE 7D VEHICLE CANNOT BE FUELED WHILE PUPILS ARE ON BOARD**
- The 7D vehicle must have the words "SCHOOL BUS" displayed in black letters on the front and rear of the vehicle
- The 7D vehicle must have adequate seating for each pupil being transported
- All 7D vehicle doors must be kept closed while the vehicle is in motion (an emergency buzzer or warning light must be located where the driver can see or hear the device to alert the driver to an open door)
- The 7D vehicle must be equipped with certain signal lamps, including front and rear alternating flashing school bus lamps that are required to remain flashing when school pupils are entering or leaving the 7D vehicle
- The 7D vehicle must have a safety belt for the operator who shall be secured while transporting pupils
- The 7D vehicle must have two operable front windshield wipers
- Smoking and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited
- Operators must perform a pre-trip inspection of the 7D vehicle and promptly report any potential safety equipment defects or deficiencies
- The 7D vehicle must have a first aid kit
- The 7D vehicle must have an adequate pair of chock blocks, a fire extinguisher, safety triangles and seat belts for each seat
- All pupils must be secured with the seat belt while the 7D vehicle is moving