

June 12, 2024 - TAC Meeting, CSPTA Summit

Call to Order: 8:04

Approval of April minutes: Kim DeHaven, Joyce LaCome

Approval of agenda: Lance Yoxximer, Jerri Jackson

Approval of new members:

Casey Ungs - Steamboat Springs, NW

Charles Smith - Ignacio, SW

Applications: Jerri Jackson, Evalyn Parks

Operation Rule: Mistakes were made, and those happen. So what happened was, the version of the rules that we had presented to the State Board and the version that we had wanted to present were different and the incorrect version had been approved. We started looking through those that were approved, and noticed that items were missing and immediately started to process again to go back in open up Rule and have to tweak up a few things.

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2.01(c) - Private companies that ONLY provide school transportation fall under CDE; companies that provide more public transportation (limousines, party buses, motorcoaches, etc.) are under the jurisdiction of the PUC.

Frank - Because of the shortage there are a lot of strategies being looked at. How well are those strategies being reviewed and covered?

All schools and charters are still covered by CDE.

3.2 - Addition of "CDE ELDT Hands-on Trainer"

4.2 - Correction of numbers

4.3 - Addition of Reasonable Suspicion Training for Supervisors

4.8 - (NEW) Service providers must register with the State of Colorado, CDE, School Transportation Unit.

4.9 - (NEW) Supervisors must go through the New to Transportation Class within the first 12 months of employment.

David Romero - You mentioned new supervisors, does this include everyone?

This training is only for individuals who are new to their supervisory positions. For those who have been in their position, this is not required.

Lance Yoxsimer - I personally don't love it, as I believe that we are setting districts up for non-compliance because they won't know that they will need it

The other part of this is that these Rules will also go to Superintendents. CDE typically finds out that someone is new within a year of their employment.

5.01, 5.02, 5.03 - Proper Use of Physical Restraint C.R.S. standard is removed and relocated into a different section.

David Romer - Will this apply to service providers?

Yes.

Lance Yoxsimer - If we, as a district have a policy that is "hands-off" so we don't have training will this satisfy this requirement?

Yes. As long as it is documented that the policy has been reviewed.

5.03(j) - Verifiable experience for driving a trailer

5.03(k) - Mirrors language found in 5.01 and 5.02

5.04(b) - Removed, and added in more depth in different a section.

5.6 - (NEW) Special Needs wording (driver and para)

Evalyn Parks - Who provides this training? Is this a transportation thing, or is this something that I can send my para to my special needs director and have them train on it.

We do not dictate who provides the training, just document that it was done.

David Romero - Will the paraprofessional DQF piece be put back on the CDE file requirement documentation?

Yes, it will be readded.

Joyce LaCome - Will the paraprofessional need certification/documentation of training need to be in the file?

Yes

7.0 - (NEW) CDE ELDT Hands-on Trainer language

Lance Yoxsimer - Is this the same frequency as the Hands-On tester?

Yes, the language mirrors the Annual Hands-On Tester.

Sharon Souza - Can my trainer do this?

No, she will need to go through the Hands-on Trainer class.

Frank Phillips - So you certify that they can train ELDT to people, and now you're going to certify that they can train trainers?

Yes. This person can then train other people to be ELDT trainers.

Donna Grattino - Can we train our drivers with an online theory course?

Yes, you can, if it is theory and if you have a certification of completed. We have not developed that for Colorado, so there will be a cost associated with those if you go with an outside company. The online courses are generic and not specific to Colorado.

The CDE ELDT program tests can be completed online.

David Romero - Regardless of where they trained, I have a link that shows if the information has been input into the TPR.

Evalyn Parks - Is the top person able to be mobile?

Yes.

Javier Muniz - Can you put the ELDT trainers on your map?

Yes, we will work to update that information.

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Minimum Standards - Pertains to vehicles and the requirements of those vehicles.

3.4 - Added in the piece on "service providers."

4.3 - Per federal law, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) has regulatory jurisdiction over the purchase or lease of NEW, not including used school transportation small-capacity vehicles.

NHTSA defines a 15-passenger van, as a van that holds 10-15 passengers.

Is a Ford Transit considered a van?

Yes, they can use that vehicle, as long as the capacity is 12 or under.

What capacity needs to follow rack and load?

Vehicles with a capacity greater than 12

6.7 - Luggage rack prohibited (removed)

7.6 - Added in the definition of “leased”

7.12 - Added in the definition of “rented”

7.19 - Changed definition of “Specially Equipped Buses”

There is a full section on Electric Buses (19.0)

39.0 - (REINTRODUCED) Specially Equipped School Buses

Frank Phillips - When will all of these changes become effective?

We go to the State Board in July, if they approve everything, they would go effective in August. If it is not a unanimous decision, then we will have to revise and resubmit.

George Otteni - Will the new rules have something marked on what is previously approved and what is new?

We will send out something showing the changed documents.

Javier Muniz - Thank you for setting something up for new directors/supervisors.

Transportation Task Force

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Update: A year ago the legislature designated funding for a Transportation Task Force. We have been meeting for the past year, but we have gone through and sent out surveys to get information from drivers and financial data. The task force does not make laws but will make recommendations as to changes that need to be made.

One of the things that we were tasked with is how we can attract, train, and retain transportation staff. Each meeting is open to the public; the links are on our website under School Transportation Task Force, under our contact information. The next meeting will be in July and will be on funding. We will wait and see where it lands, but you are welcome to watch these meetings.

Comments or concerns:

In regards to the training on the proper use of restraints, the language states prior to transporting students. Could that be changed to reflect within 90 days?

School/work days or calendar days?

The map is out of date. Is there something on the map for third-party testers?

That is more of a CDL question, but CDL compliance will release that information.

Is there a place where we can find the trainers that have been revoked? ELDT training companies that have been shut down by FMCSA.

There is something on the TPR website that allows for you to look up providers in a region.

You had sent out a federal link regarding the rescheduling of marijuana - have you heard anything more on this?

We have not.

Meeting adjourned: 9:41

Jerri Jackson , Clint Crose

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