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This form is required under the provisions of Section 22.1-178 of the *Code of Virginia* and Regulations of the Virginia Board of Education

APPLICANT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT SOCIAL SECURITY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History (to be completed by the Applicant)**

Please check if you have any history of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle Disease        | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Vision          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorder/Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease         | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Hearing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Head Injury               | <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure   | <input type="checkbox"/> Any Infectious Disease  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brain Tumor               | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis of any Type | <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopedic Injury       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Motor Skills  | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Problems  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Apnea               | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Consciousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Dysfunction |

Have you ever received treatment for or been recommended by a physician for treatment of alcoholism or drug abuse?  Yes  No

Do you currently feel that you use alcohol to excess?  Yes  No

Do you currently use psychoactive drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, or other similar drugs?  Yes  No

Are you currently taking any prescribed medications or controlled substances?  Yes  No

If yes, identify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you take over the counter (nonprescription) medications, herbal or natural preparations at times?  Yes  No

If yes, identify: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify I have answered the above questions truthfully and to the best of my ability. I hereby authorize the physician to release the information contained on this certificate to the school division. I certify I will inform the school division if I develop any physical condition before the expiration of my physician's certificate that could affect my ability to perform my duties as a school bus driver, including assisting students to evacuate a school bus in an emergency.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

1. No person shall drive a school bus unless that person is physically qualified to do so and has submitted a Certificate signed by the applicant and the doctor for the applicable employment period.
2. A person is physically qualified to drive a school bus if the individual:
  - a. Has no loss of a foot, a leg, a hand, or an arm which interferes with the ability to control and safely drive a school bus without reasonable accommodations;
  - b. Has no impairment of the use of a foot, a leg, a hand, finger, or an arm, and no other structural defect or limitation likely to interfere with the ability to control and safely drive a school bus without reasonable accommodations;
  - c. Has no known medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control likely to interfere with the ability to control and safely drive a school bus without reasonable accommodations;
  - d. Has no current clinical diagnosis of myocardial infarction, angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, thrombosis, or any other cardiovascular disease of a variety known to be accompanied by syncope, dyspnea, collapse, arrhythmia, or congestive cardiac failure;
  - e. Has no known medical history or clinical diagnosis of a respiratory dysfunction likely to interfere with the ability to control and drive a school bus safely without reasonable accommodations;
  - f. Has no known current clinical diagnosis of high blood pressure likely to interfere with the ability to operate a school bus safely without reasonable accommodations;
  - g. Has no known medical history or clinical diagnosis of rheumatic, arthritic, orthopedic, muscular, neuromuscular, or vascular disease which would interfere with the ability to control and operate a school bus safely without reasonable accommodations;
  - h. Has no known medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy, seizure or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a school bus without reasonable accommodations;
  - i. Has no known mental, nervous, organic, functional disease or psychiatric disorder likely to interfere with the ability to drive a school bus safely without reasonable accommodations;
  - j. Has both distant and near visual acuity of at least 20/40 in each eye, and at least a field of 140 degrees of horizontal vision or a comparable measurement that demonstrates a visual field within this range, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing standard red, green, and amber;
  - k. First perceives a forced-whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5-1951; and
  - l. Does not use an amphetamine, narcotic, marijuana or any habit-forming drug without appropriate physician supervision.



**PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE**

**APPLICANT'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

I am a duly licensed physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant as defined in the *Code of Virginia*, License No. \_\_\_\_\_. I certify that I have reviewed the Medical History as written hereon, examined the patient as noted above and with the knowledge of the duties and the "Physical Qualifications for School Bus Drivers," I find that he/she is mentally and physically fit to operate a school bus: without restriction \_\_\_\_\_, with corrective lenses \_\_\_\_\_, with a hearing aid \_\_\_\_\_.

As best I can determine, this individual does not have any conditions which might impair level of consciousness, perception, judgement, motor/mechanical functions, or otherwise impair the ability to safely operate a school bus.

As best I can determine by reviewing the history and exam as above, I have no reason to suspect that the applicant uses illegal drugs or excessive amounts of alcohol.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes**

1. The examining physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant as defined in the *Code of Virginia*, should be aware of the physical, mental and emotional responsibilities and demands placed on a school bus driver. In the interest of public safety, the examining physician is required to certify that the driver does not have any physical, mental or organic defect of such a nature as to affect the driver's ability to safely operate a school bus.
2. The following physical duties may be required of a school bus driver: the ability to open a school bus hood; stoop and inspect under a vehicle; operate emergency doors, roof hatches and windows; assist students from emergency exits or vehicle by lifting children out of wheelchairs, out of emergency doors, roof hatches and/or emergency windows; installing tire chains as applicable; operate push pull handle for bus entrance doors; operate wheelchair lifts including stooping and/or bending to secure wheelchairs for transportation; lift preschool children in and out of the vehicles, operate a standard transmission if necessary.
3. This report must be signed personally by the physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant as defined in the *Code of Virginia* and returned to the school division requesting the certificate.