Minnesota State Patrol
Type III Knowledge Quiz

Name: _____ Revised 7/9/25

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1. **TRUE** Type III drivers must know and understand emergency procedures to keep students safe?

   MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (4) knowing and understanding relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies; (5) handling emergency situations…

2. **TRUE** My employer is required to perform an annual driver's license check?

   MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (g) The operator's driver's license is verified annually by the entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the type III vehicle as

3. **FALSE** A Type III school bus may have a manufacturers seating capacity of 10 or more, including the driver?
   MS 169.011 Definitions, subd. 71 – School Bus; (h) A "Type III vehicle" is restricted to passenger cars, station wagons, vans, and buses having a maximum manufacturer's rated seating capacity of ten or fewer people, including the driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

4. **TRUE** A Type III vehicle must have a manufacturers weight rating is 10,000 pounds or less?

   MS 169.011 Definitions, subd. 71 – School Bus; (h) A "Type III vehicle" is restricted to passenger cars, station wagons, vans, and buses having a maximum manufacturer's rated seating capacity of ten or fewer people, including the driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

5. **TRUE** Type III drivers are required to have annual training?

   MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (d) The operator's employer has adopted and implemented a policy that provides for annual training…

6. **TRUE** The two most common types of restraining devices you will use as a Type III driver are a forward-facing and booster seat?
   Based on school age students and MN statute 169.685

7. **FALSE** All Type III drivers are required to have a school bus physical examination?

MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers, (8) (o); (o) An employee of a school or of a school district, who is not employed for the sole purpose of operating a type III vehicle, is exempt from paragraphs (e) and (f).
(e) Operators shall submit to a physical examination as required by section 171.321, subdivision 2. (f) The operator's employer requires pre-employment drug testing of applicants for operator positions. Current operators must comply with the employer's policy under section 181.951, subdivisions 2, 4, and 5. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the operator's employer may use a Breathalyzer or similar device to fulfill random alcohol testing requirements.

8. **TRUE** Type III drivers are required to disclose in writing any conviction(s) for a moving violation or DWI to their employer within 10 days?
MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers, (9)(k) An operator who sustains a conviction as described in paragraph (h), (i), or (j) while employed by the entity that owns, leases, or contracts for the school bus, shall report the conviction to the employer within ten days of the date of the conviction.

9. **TRUE** Type III drivers may be subject to controlled substance/alcohol testing?

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NOTE: The school district or employer may implement a drug and alcohol testing program that is
more inclusive or restrictive.

10. **FALSE** Type III drivers are not subject to an initial background check?

MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (d) A background check or background investigation of the operator has been conducted that meets the requirements under section 122A.18, subdivision 8, or 123B.03 for school district employees; section 144.057 or chapter 245C for day care employees; or section 171.321, subdivision 3, for all other persons operating a type III vehicle under this subdivision.

11. **TRUE** Cell phone use for personal reasons is prohibited while driving a Type III school bus?

MS 169.443 Safety of School Children; Bus Drivers Duties; Subd. 9. Personal cellular phone call prohibition. (a) As used in this subdivision, "school bus" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 71. In addition, the term includes type III vehicles as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, when driven by employees or agents of school districts.

12. **FALSE** Understanding student conduct is not part of a Type III driver's responsibility?

MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (2) understanding student behavior, including issues relating to students with disabilities;

13. **FALSE** Students with special needs cannot be transported in a Type III vehicle?

Transportation for special needs students can be transported in a type A, B, C, D or Type III school bus per various MS 169 and 171 statutes.

14. **FALSE** IEP is an abbreviation for Instructional Education Program?

IEP stands for "Individual Educational Plan"

15. **TRUE** A Type III driver is responsible for knowing how to use emergency equipment and any special equipment in the vehicle?

MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (4) knowing and understanding relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies; (5) handling emergency situations; (6) proper use of seat belts and child safety restraints;

16. **FALSE** When unloading students, it is ok to load or unload in the roadway?

MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (8) safe loading and unloading of students, including, but not limited to: (i) utilizing a safe location for loading and unloading students at the curb, on the nontraffic side of the roadway, or at off-street loading areas, driveways, yards, and other areas to enable the student to avoid hazardous conditions; (ii) refraining from loading and unloading students in a vehicular traffic lane, on the shoulder, in a designated turn lane, or a lane adjacent to a designated turn lane; (iii) avoiding a loading or unloading location that would require a pupil to cross a road, or ensuring that the driver or an aide personally escort the pupil across the road if it is not reasonably feasible to avoid such a location;

17. **FALSE** When unloading students, the driver can keep the vehicle transmission in gear?

MS 171.02 subd. 2b – Exceptions for Type III vehicle drivers; (iv) placing the type III vehicle in "park" during loading and unloading…

18. **FALSE** A child under the age of eight and shorter than four feet nine inches is the only requirement for being placed in a booster seat?

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/169.685#stat.169.685.4

19. **FALSE** In any emergency or vehicle break down situation, you should always evacuate your Type III vehicle?

The decision to evacuate a vehicle will be dependent on the situation and based at the driver's determination of the urgency to abandon the vehicle. If the vehicle can be safely removed from the roadway e.g.: parking lot, fully moving the vehicle onto the shoulder clear of the traffic lane where oncoming traffic has a clear view of the vehicle, consideration should be given to keeping the students seat belted and in the vehicle. In cases where a decision has been made to evacuate the vehicle, keep the student(s) a safe distance away from the vehicle.

20. **TRUE** Each Type III vehicle is required to be equipped with emergency equipment?

MS 169.454 Type III Vehicle Standards; Subd. 4. Fire extinguisher - A minimum of one 10BC rated dry chemical type fire extinguisher is required. The extinguisher must be mounted in a bracket, and must be located in the driver's compartment and be readily accessible to the driver and passengers. A pressure indicator is required and must be easily read without removing the extinguisher from its mounted position. Subd. 5. First aid kit and body fluids cleanup kit - A minimum of a ten-unit first aid kit, and a body fluids cleanup kit is required. They must be contained in removable, moisture- and dust-proof containers mounted in an accessible place within the driver's compartment and must be marked to indicate their identity and location.

21. **TRUE** A pre-trip inspection is performed to ensure the Type III school bus is in safe operating condition?

MN Rule 7470.1300 Equipment, Inspection and Uses. - No school bus shall be driven unless the driver or other designated person has inspected the vehicle to ensure that, at a minimum, the following parts and accessories are in good working order: service brakes, including trailer brake connections; parking (hand) brakes; steering mechanism; lighting devices and reflectors; tires; fluid levels; horn; windshield wiper or wipers; rear-vision and crossover mirrors, including their proper adjustment; eight-lamp system; and stop arm. A copy of the current daily pre-trip inspection report must be carried in the bus.

22. **TRUE** Children riding in a Type III vehicle are required to be properly restrained in an age and size appropriate seat.

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23. **TRUE** A copy of the current daily pre-trip inspection must be carried in the vehicle when it is being operated?

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24. **TRUE** If you do not perform a pre-trip inspection or fail to carry a current pre-trip inspection report in the vehicle you are subject to a citation(s) by law enforcement?

Failing to conduct a pre-trip inspection or fail to carry a current copy of the pre-trip inspection report, you the driver are subject to a citation or citations for these violation(s). The current fine is $125.00.

25. **FALSE** It is okay to fuel the Type III vehicle while students are in the vehicle?

MN Rule 7470.1000 Operations of type A, B, C, D and Multifunctional School Activity Buses, Subd. 2: …No pupils may be in the bus while the fuel tank is being filled…

26. **TRUE** Checking fluid levels is part of the pre-trip inspection?

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27. **TRUE** Part of the external pre-trip inspection is to visually check all lights, tires, doors, mirrors, current school bus inspection decal and window glass?

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28. **TRUE** Part of the internal inspection includes; gauges, horn, wipers, lights, seat belts and emergency equipment?

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29. **FALSE** It is the employer's responsibility to check the emergency equipment as part of the pre-trip?

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30. **TRUE** A nine (9) year old child is allowed to be out of a booster seat provided they have outgrown it and meet the five-step test?

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