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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM COMPLIANCE FOR ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING (ELDT)

On January 19, 2022, the California Department of Education, Office of School Transportation (CDE/OST) met with Senior Administrators at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). FMCSA confirmed that CDE Curriculum meets Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements in **49 CFR part 380** covering applicable topics in theory (Classroom) and behind-the wheel (BTW) instruction effective February 7, 2022.

All state-certified instructors shall add the following items to the “Instructor's Manual for California's Bus Driver's Training Course” to insure compliance on February 7, 2022:

Unit 2 – Driver’s License and Special Certificate Requirements

ADD: “The Latest Edition of the California Commercial Driver Handbook”

ADD: “**29 CFR part 1978** - Whistleblower/Coercion as required by **ELDT 49 CFR part 380 Appendix B Unit B1.5.7.**”

These items need to be inserted to each supplement page as follows:

School Bus: Page II-3 after Vehicle Code (VC) 12516

School Pupil Activity Bus (SPAB): Page II-8 after VC 12515

Transit Bus: Page II-14 before Education Code (EC) 40081(a)

Farm Labor: Page II-26 after VC 13370

Applicable Commercial Driver Handbook training is now required within “Unit 2 – Driver’s License and Special Certificate Requirements”.

For those providing Farm Labor Vehicle certificate instruction, in addition to the hours required in **EC 40084**, state-certified instructors must add five (5) hours of CDE BTW Curriculum to meet the ELDT requirements and **VC 15250.1**.

All state-certified instructors and carriers that provide ELDT training shall register on the Training Provider Registry (TPR) on the FMCSA website: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>.

For questions about the TPR, view the FMCSA's "TPR Frequently Asked Questions" website: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/FAQ>.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your CDE/OST Transportation Programs Consultant at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/tn/or/regionassign.asp>.