810.2. DRUG/ALCOHOL TESTING – COVERED DRIVERS

1. Purpose
The Board recognizes that the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol is a serious problem that may be present in the workplace. The Board also recognizes that an employee impaired by drugs or alcohol who operates district vehicles or transports students poses significant risks to the safety of students and others.

2. Definition
A covered driver shall mean any district employee who drives or operates a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds or is designated to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver; or any other district employee who is regularly assigned to drive a school district vehicle of any size or kind.

The phrase includes drivers and mechanics who operate such vehicles, including full-time, regularly employed individuals; casual, intermittent, or occasional individuals; and leased drivers and independent owner-operator contractors who are either directly employed by or under lease to the district or who operate a bus or bus owned or leased by the district.

3. Authority
24 P.S. 510
49 CFR 382.305

The Board establishes that transportation companies contracted by the Board shall provide a program of drug and alcohol testing for covered drivers. A statement ensuring such program shall be included in the contracted agreement.

References:
24 P.S. 510
49 CFR 382.305