

Driving Course

1. Driving skills tests will be administered at each regional site and at the state site. Sequence of the skill tests may be changed each year and may be rearranged in order to conform to local situations, due to facilities layouts/restrictions. Each individual skill test shall be designed as shown in the diagrams in this Ohio ROAD-E-O handbook.
2. Scoring items and driver requirements for each event shall be as listed on the event sheets in the Ohio ROAD-E-O handbook.
3. The State Road-E-O Committee may add, change, or delete events each year.
4. Several of the individual events will have a time limit. Competitors who do not complete those events within the time limit will be waved on to the next event.
5. Each event shall have a maximum score.
6. Seat belts must be worn.
7. Headlights on the vehicle must be on
8. The lower window on the rear emergency door must be covered to eliminate any vision through that window.
9. The State Road-E-O Committee may set a maximum driving time at the state course. Drivers who exceed this maximum time would receive 50 demerits, to be reflected on the Field Judge score sheet.

Recommended number of judges and support personnel for ROAD-E-O, by event:

Event	Number of Judges
1) Turnaround	4
2) Railroad Crossing	3
3) Student Loading & Unloading	6
4) Offset Street	5
5) Curb Line	2
6) Forward Stop Line	2
7) Reverse Serpentine	2
8) Depth Perception Measurement	2
9) Wheel Placement	2
Other staff required:	
Field Judge	2
Starters and Mirror Adjusters	4

General instructions for drivers

This event is held to provide an opportunity for professional school bus drivers to demonstrate their skills and knowledge specific to school transportation operations. All drivers must read and comply with all of the instructions and guidelines offered herein.

1. Drivers must preregister for the event no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled date.
2. Drivers must have a valid CDL with S and P endorsements.
3. Drivers must be listed as ACTIVE with the Ohio Department of Education as a school bus driver, and must be current with all state requirements for school bus drivers.
4. Drivers may not have had a preventable school bus accident (as defined by the National Safety Council Safe Driver Award Program) since September 1 of the prior calendar year.
5. All contestants must report to the registration desk prior to the posted time in order to be allowed to compete in the event.

Regulations for drivers

1. Contestants are required to remain in the driver preparation area until called for competition. Drivers are not allowed on the course or adjacent to any of the events.
2. Drivers must report to events they are called for within 5 minutes of the announcement. If a contestant is not available to participate when called they may be disqualified.
3. It shall be understood that elementary students are on the bus from the time the driver leaves the starting line, and the driver must conduct him/herself accordingly. In all events the doors must remain closed unless the rules of an event require the door to be opened.
4. Each contestant will be allowed a maximum of six (6) minutes to familiarize him/herself with the instrumentation and controls of the bus prior to the operation of the vehicle to be driven in competition. The driver may request assistance from a competition official in the adjustment of mirrors and seats within the manufactured specifications.
5. Vehicles in the competition will have the lower window on the rear emergency door covered with a nontransparent material.
6. The contestant may be timed at selected events. The contestant's accumulated time for the timed events will be used as a final tie breaker.
7. Contestants who feel that an interference or problem affected their competition may (after the final event is scored) notify the Head Judge at the final event. If the interference or problem is confirmed, the Road-E-O committee will escort the driver to the specific event, and allow them to rerun that event. The new score will be used. Notifications of interference or problems on the course not provided to the Head Judge at the final event will not be accepted.
8. Any bus for competition shall have mirrors that are normally used during the normal daily route. Mirrors can be adjusted to provide the driver vision that would normally be required for the safe operation of the bus.

General scoring violations

1. Drivers must exercise continuous forward motion on the course, unless they are directed to stop by a judge, an Event requirement, another vehicle impedes forward progress, or it is necessary to stop to prevent harm or injury. Failure to comply with this will result in a loss of points.
2. The seat belt must be fastened and worn correctly prior to placing the bus in motion at the start line. **Placement of the shoulder harness behind the back is not permitted.** If the belt is not fastened

prior to closing the door, the starter will stop the bus and instruct the driver to put the belt on correctly and score demerits.

3. Drivers who fail to operate the bus with headlights on during competition will receive demerits.
4. Contestants who leave their seat, place their head out of the window, or leave the proper driving position will receive demerits.
5. Drivers who open the door at a location other than where an event requires that action or at any time when the bus is in motion will receive demerits.

Disqualifications

Any of the following will result in the disqualification of a contestant:

1. Any misconduct on the part of a participant or spectator such as the following:
 - a. Unprofessional behavior
 - b. Speeding and/or unsafe driving on the course
 - c. Use of drugs and/or alcohol during or immediately prior to the competition
2. Any contestant who knowingly accepts signals from anyone will be automatically disqualified. (For this reason, all spectators will be required to stay a minimum of 50 feet from the perimeter of each event.)
3. Modifications of the driver's seat in any way other than the manufacturer's standards, that could help the driver, will disqualify the driver and may disqualify any other driver prior to the discovery. (Drivers may use a driving cushion.)(No attachments to the brake or gas pedal will be allowed.)
4. No smoking, eating or drinking beverages will be allowed on the bus during the driving competition.
5. Drivers are not permitted to use cell phones or other personal communication devices during any portion of the Road-E-O competition.
6. Drivers who share test information, or provide answers for the pretrip inspection to another contestant will be disqualified.

Turnaround Event (Event 1)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

Turnaround Event

Maximum Score 50

PURPOSE OF TEST: To test the driver's ability to maneuver the bus backward through a narrow space and to judge the distance to the rear of the vehicle. This problem simulates conditions that are encountered in turnarounds. Any portion of the bus extending past the vertical plane of the back barrier or the front boundary line will be scored as if contact was made. This event will be timed-- beginning when the front bumper passes the first barrier on the entry lane and ending when the horn is sounded for the scoring backup measurement. Buses not parked in the stall with the horn sounded within 3 minutes shall be waved on and will lose 50 demerits for the event.

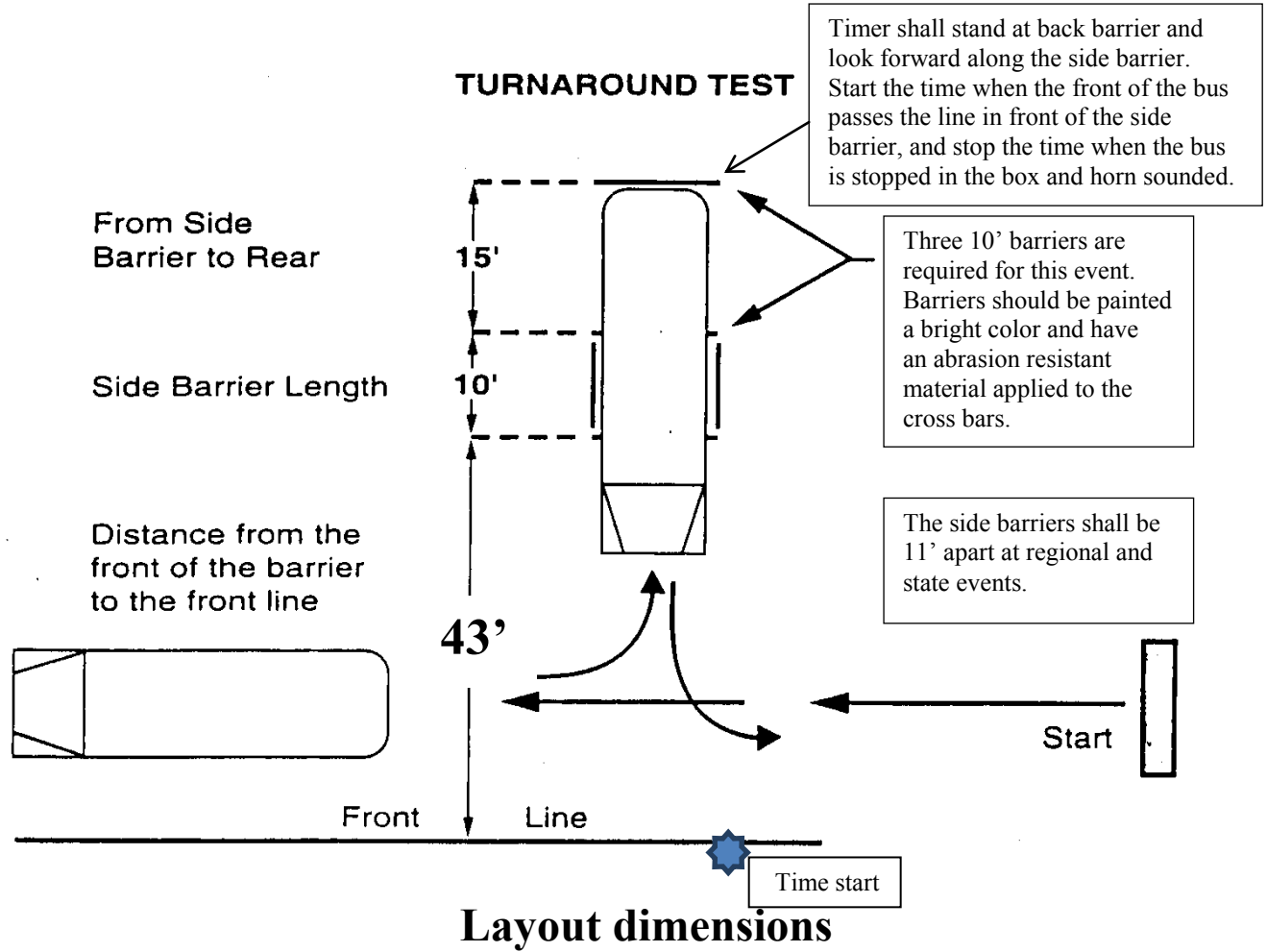
SCORING: Scoring shall be completed as indicated below. Maximum demerits for the event are 50.

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
Bus is not near parallel between left and right curb before backing	10	
Each driver is entitled to one adjustment (pull-up) before demerits are charged. Charge 10 demerits for each additional adjustment forward or backward Additional Adjustments: 10 20 30 40 50	Max 50	
Failure to sound horn before backing (Charge 10 demerits)	10	
Any part of the bus over the front line while backing in or pulling out	25	
Failure to use hazard lights. (Charge 10 demerits)	10	
Making contact with any portion of side barrier. (25 demerits each instance) Instances: 1 2 (Wave competitor off event after 2 nd instance.)	Max 50	
Making contact with rear barrier or extension of any portion of bus extending beyond the vertical plane of the back barrier. (25 demerits each instance) Instances: 1 2 (Wave competitor off event after 2 nd instance)	Max 50	
Measure only after horn is sounded. If horn is not sounded, charge 50 demerits. Charge demerits for each 6" increment over 18" from the closest point of the bus and rear barrier as follows: Actual Measurement _____ <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 24 inches 5 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> 24 - 30 inches 10 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 36 inches 15 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> 36 - 42 inches 20 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> 42 - 48 inches 30 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> 48 - 54 inches 40 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> 54 + over inches 50 demerits <input type="checkbox"/> No Horn 50 demerits </div>	Max 50	
Failure to take part in or complete the event. (Charge 50 demerits) _____	50	
Start time when front bumper passes first barrier. End time when driver sounds horn for backup measurement. Record actual time : _____ (not to exceed 3 minutes)	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	

Head Judge's Name (please print)

TOTAL DEMERITS

TURNAROUND EVENT



The distance from the forward stop line to the leading edge of the barricade has been increased to 43'. If any portion of the bus crosses the front line (mirrors, crossing gate, etc.) demerits will be scored.

RAILROAD CROSSING EVENT (Event 2)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

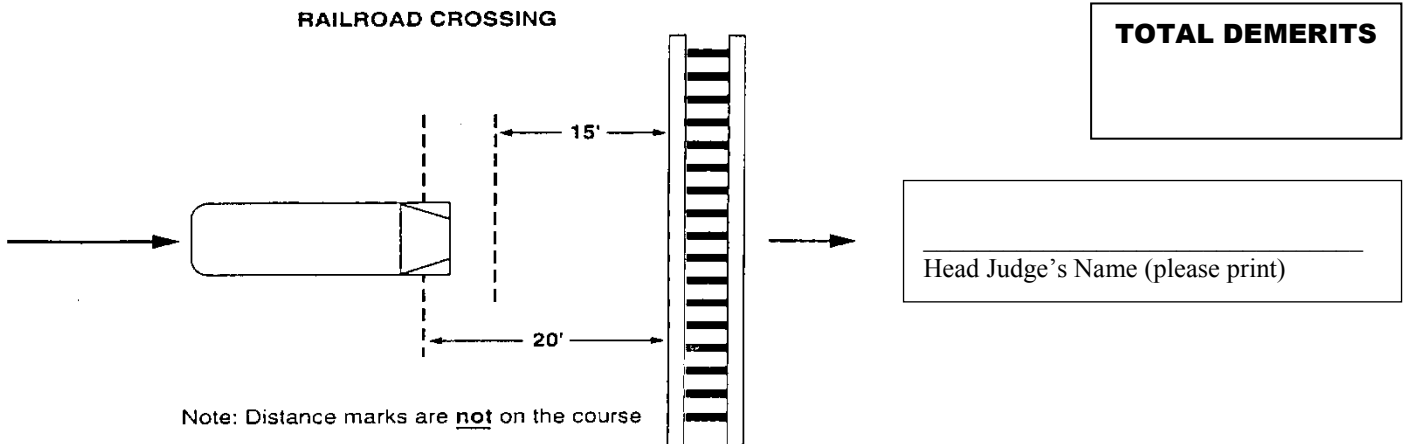
RAILROAD CROSSING

Maximum Score 50

PURPOSE OF TEST: The railroad crossing represents a significant driving hazard for school buses. This event is to evaluate the driver's degree of care and knowledge of laws, rules and regulations required to operate a school bus when crossing railroad tracks, and to evaluate the driver's skills during such crossing. The driver is to stop the bus as close to a 17 ½ foot clearance line as possible, while using all appropriate railroad crossing procedures.

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits charged for each violation are set forth below. **No more than 50 demerits may be deducted.**

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
Failure to activate hazard lights prior to stopping at railroad crossing	10	
Failure to set parking brake and shift to neutral	50	
Failure to open entrance door AND window	10	
Failure to look to the right and left – (2) Times	10	
Stopping before the twenty (20) feet maximum	30	
Any part of the bus is within 15 feet from the closest rail	30	
Distance from closest point of front bumper to 17 1/2 foot target line: Inches 0-6" 6-12" 12-18" 18-24" 24-30"	Max 25	
Demerits 0 10 15 20 25		
Warning lights are activated at the crossing	25	
Participant fails to stop for the crossing (Automatic Failure)	50	
Failure to close door before moving across track	10	
Backing the bus	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	



STUDENT LOADING AND UNLOADING EVENT (Event 3)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

STUDENT LOADING AND UNLOADING TEST**Maximum Score 100**

PURPOSE OF TEST: The purpose of this test is to evaluate the driver's alertness and proper procedures while in the process of loading and unloading pupils. **Pick-up will be from left-side cross-over and Drop-off will cross-over to the Left Side.**

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits charged for each violation are set forth below. **No more than 100 demerits may be deducted.**

STUDENT PICK-UP APPROACH

Description Student Pickup (Left Side)	DEMERIT VALUE	DEMERITS TAKEN
Failure to Actuate warning lights (early, late, not at all)	20	
Failure to Stop Bus at designated area within 18" of marker	10	
Failure to set parking brake, shift to neutral, open service door	10	
Opens door prior to bus being stopped	50	
Hand up to hold students in designated area (optional for right side)	20	
Make eye contact – slowly drop hand straight down	10	
Count and greet students as they load the bus	5	
Check overhead mirror to make sure students are seated, check right and left side mirrors (count out loud in proper sequence)	10	
Shift into gear, release brake, check R & L mirrors and Traffic check prior to pulling away	10	

DISCHARGE

Description Student Dropoff (Left Side)	DEMERIT VALUE	DEMERITS TAKEN
Failure to Actuate warning lights (early, late, not at all)	20	
Failure to Stop Bus at designated area within 18" of marker	10	
Failure to set parking brake, shift to neutral, open service door	10	
Give discharge instructions including all 4 points:		
Walk 10 steps or more along the side of roadway to the front of the bus and wait for my hand signal	10	
When I drop my hand, walk to the center of the road and stop there to check traffic on your own before crossing	10	
If it is safe, go directly to your place of safety which is _____ and remain there until the bus leaves	10	
If I blow my horn that means danger. Recheck traffic-if you see nothing look back at me for further instructions	10	
Recheck mirrors, cover horn, proper hand signal, count students	10	
Shift into gear, release brake, check R & L mirrors and Traffic check	10	
Failure to Close Service door or moving with door open	50	

Head Judge's name (please print)

TOTAL DEMERITS

OFFSET STREET EVENT (Event 4)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

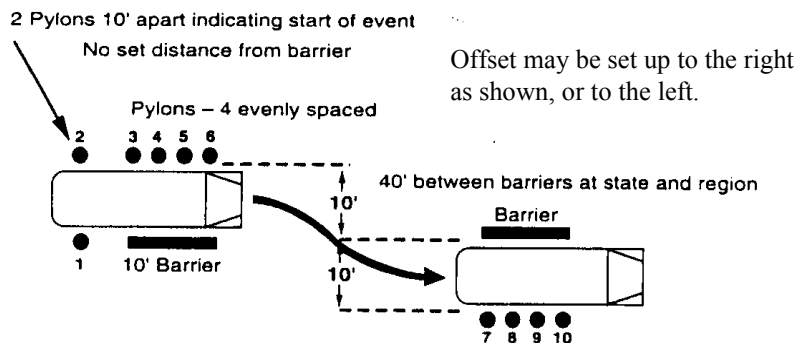
Offset Street

Maximum Score 50

PURPOSE OF TEST: To test the driver's ability to maneuver the bus through tight places that are not in a straight line. This problem simulates conditions that might be encountered when driving in heavy traffic on narrow streets or through construction zones that might be encountered on a route. The offset may be set up to the right or to the left of the entry alley. This is a timed event – the driver has 3 minutes from the time the front bumper enters the event until the back bumper clears the event.

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the number of demerits charged are set forth below. **No more than 50 demerits may be deducted.**

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
(circle each pylon that is touched) Charge 10 demerits for each pylon touched 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Max 50	
(circle barrier touched) Charge 25 demerits for every physical barrier touched 1 2	Max 50	
Charge 10 demerits for any instance the forward motion of the bus is stopped Number of instances bus stopped _____ x 10	Max 50	
Charge 50 demerits for backing after entering the approach lane	Max 50	
Charge 50 demerits for failure to take part in and/or complete the event	Max 50	
Actual Time to complete _____ (3 minute maximum)	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raises self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	
Actual time to complete event _____ (max 3:00 minutes)		



Note: All pylons to be uniform, 28" or higher.

TOTAL DEMERITS

_____ Head Judge's Name (please print)

Curb Line Event (Event 5)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

Curb Line

Maximum Score 50

Purpose of the test: To test the skills of the driver in positioning a bus properly for loading or unloading when that requires pulling into a curb parking zone that has a limited distance.

Instructions: The event will be set up to simulate a limited curb length between other parked vehicles. The loading area will be marked by barriers which will be spaced 76 feet apart, and 3 feet away from the curb. The contestant must pull into the curb, park, and pull out without backing up. This is a timed event. The contestant will have two (2) minutes from the time the front bumper of the bus passes the rear barrier until the bus is properly parked and the horn is sounded.

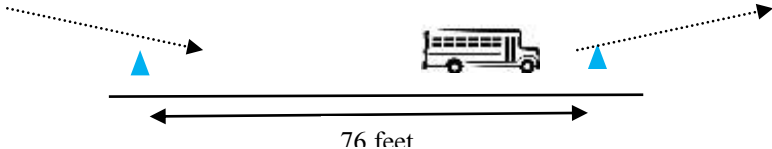
The contestant will be judged on the following: The use of the right turn signal when pulling in and the left turn signal when pulling out, proper use of mirrors, complete mirror/traffic check, and any tire hitting the curb line. The contestant must place bus in neutral, apply the parking brake, and sound the horn. A measurement will then be made at the front and rear of the bus.

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits charged for each violation are set forth below. **No more than 50 demerits may be deducted.**

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT Value	DEMERITS Taken
Failure to use right turn signal	10	
Failure to cancel right turn signal	10	
Palming and/or dangerous steering practices.	50	
Hits either front or back barrier	50	
Hitting the curb with tire	50	
Failure to place bus in neutral, apply park brake, and sound horn within 2 minutes	50	
Furthest measurement from curb: Front of bus _____ Rear of bus _____ Distance 0-12" 12-18" 18 and over Demerits 0 20 50		
Failure to perform mirror check before moving the bus forward	10	
Failure to use left turn signal	10	
Failure to cancel left turn signal	10	
Backing up in event	50	
Actual Time when parking brake is set and horn sounded: _____ Maximum time allowed is 2 minutes. Score 50 demerits if bus is not parked in time.	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	

TOTAL DEMERITS

_____ Head Judge's Name (please print)



Combined Skills Event

FORWARD STOP LINE REVERSE SERPENTINE DEPTH PERCEPTION MEASUREMENT

This Road-E-O challenge includes three separate skills components, combined into one MULTI-EVENT. Each section will be scored separately.

The combined skills event has been created to assess the driver's awareness of the outer edges of the bus, the turning radius of the bus, ability to use mirrors correctly and accurate depth perception. These skills have been identified as critical skills following a careful assessment of the risks and scenarios that school bus professionals experience in the performance of their duties.

- 1) **FORWARD STOP LINE – 50 POINTS:** The driver shall pull the bus into a lane of cones, and shall stop the bus within a specified distance of a stop line marked on the pavement without crossing the stop line. This event simulates the driver's ability to judge the position of the front edge of the bus.
- 2) **REVERSE SERPENTINE – 50 POINTS:** After the STOP LINE judge signals it is safe for the driver to continue, the driver shall operate the bus in a reverse direction weaving around 4 barrels. The event will begin with the bus positioned to the left of and in front of the first barrel. The driver shall travel in reverse first backing to the right, then left, then right. Drivers shall be scored on their ability to negotiate the event without stopping, change of motion (pull-ups) and without striking any of the barrels. This event simulates the driver's ability to understand the turning radius of the bus as well as the outer edges of the bus.
- 3) **DEPTH PERCEPTION – 50 POINTS:** Once the driver has cleared the last barrel of the serpentine, they must position their vehicle in the STOPPING BOX with the front bumper in back of the line of cones. The driver must then shift to neutral, set the parking brake and sound the horn. Upon the sound of the horn, driver must immediately use their mirrors to view the right rear of their vehicle for the DEPTH PERCEPTION JUDGE. A judge will roll a portable barrier towards the right rear corner of the bus. When the driver feels the barrier is within 6" of the right rear corner of their bus, they shall signal with the sound of the horn to tell the judge to stop. The driver shall be judged on the actual distance between barrier and the bus. This event simulates the driver's need to use mirrors and accurate depth perception to assess the location of the back of the bus from other objects.

Forward Stop Line (Event 6)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

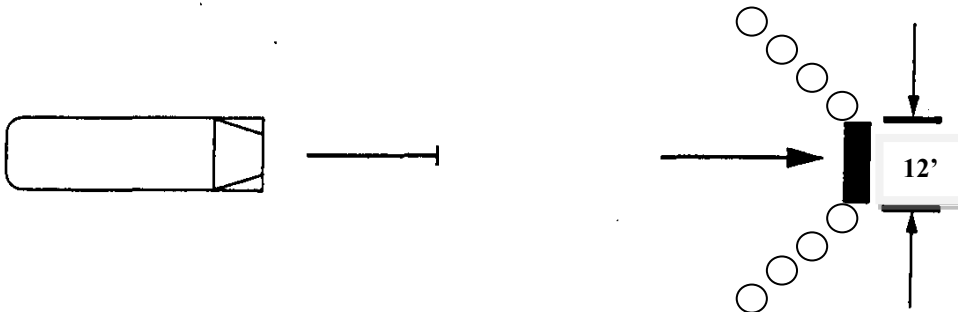
FORWARD STOP LINE

Maximum Score 50

PURPOSE OF TEST: This test is designed to determine the contestant's depth perception and ability to control their bus in close proximity of crosswalks and intersection markers.

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits for each violation are set forth below. **No more than 50 demerits may be charged.**

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
Wheels are not between the approach cones	50	
Score demerits if any portion of the bumper extends over any part of the stop line. Do not deduct if the forward stop arm or mirrors extend over the stop line. Measurement MUST be made from bumper.	50	
Charge 2 demerits for each inch or fraction thereof that the bus exceeds the tolerance of 4" (regional) or 2" (state) Actual measurement _____ inches x 2 demerits = _____		
Failure to set parking brake	50	
Failure to complete the event. ** Failure to sound horn constitutes failure to complete event.	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	



There is no set distance between the cones and the stop line. The measurement is made from the front edge of the stop line.

TOTAL DEMERITS

○ Indicates cones

_____ Head Judge's Name (please print)

REVERSE SERPENTINE (Event 7)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

REVERSE SERPENTINE

Maximum Score 50

PURPOSE OF TEST: This test is designed to determine the contestant's ability to use their mirrors and maneuver the bus in and out of tight places in a reverse motion.

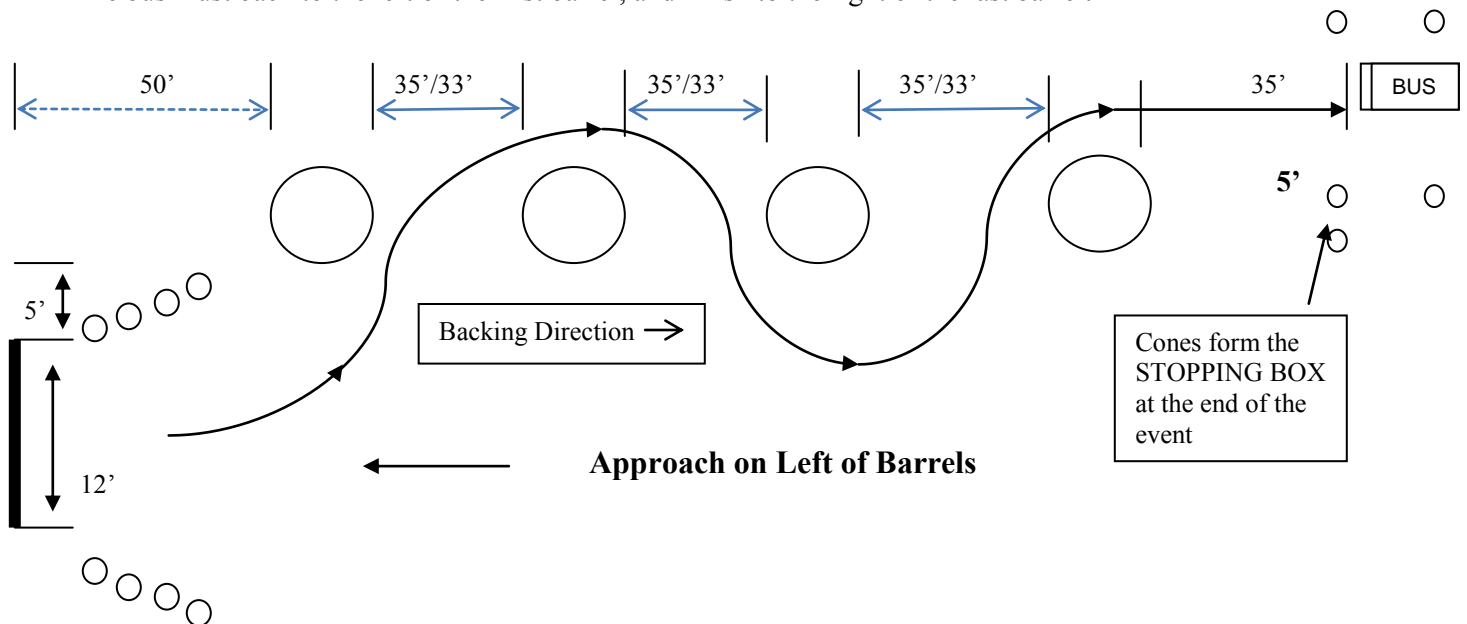
SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits for each violation are set forth below. **No more than 50 demerits may be charged.**

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
Driver takes a pull-up or stops during maneuver	5	
Bus strikes a barrel: Number of strikes _____ x 10 demerits _____	10	
Failure to complete the event.	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	

Head Judge's Name (please print)

TOTAL DEMERITS

Note: Barrels are 35' apart at regional, 33' apart at state, measured from the nearest edge of each barrel. The bus must back to the left of the first barrel, and finish to the right of the last barrel.



STOP LINE

Located 50' from the leading edge of the first barrel

DEPTH PERCEPTION (Event 8)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

DEPTH PERCEPTION**Maximum Score 50**

PURPOSE OF TEST: This test is designed to determine the contestant's ability to use their mirrors and to assess depth perception. These skills are critical in judging the location of obstacles and their relationship to the bus. Once the driver enters the STOPPING BOX with the front bumper in back of the line of cones they must put the bus in neutral, set the parking brake and sound the horn. Upon the sound of the horn, the driver must immediately look in their mirrors for the right rear corner of the bus. The JUDGE will approach the right rear of the bus's bumper with a rolling barrier. The driver will notify the JUDGE to stop **by sounding their horn**. The JUDGE will then take a measurement from the movable barrier to the bus – at its closet point. **Increments of 6" will be scored. When given the all clear, the driver shall proceed.**

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits for each violation are set forth below. **No more than 50 demerits may be charged.**

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
Failure to set parking brake	50	
Driver stops outside of stopping box	50	
Charge demerits for each 6 inches or fraction of 6 inch increments Barrier touches vehicle = 50 demerits 0" – 6" = 0 demerits 6" – 12" = 5 demerits 12" – 18" = 10 demerits 18"- 24" = 20 demerits 24" – 30" = 30 demerits 30" – 36" = 40 demerits More than 36" = 50 demerits Actual measurement _____ inches		
Failure to complete the event. ** Failure to sound horn constitutes failure to complete event.	50	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 50	

Head Judge's Name (please print)

TOTAL DEMERITS

Wheel Position Event (Event 9)

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

Wheel position event

Maximum Score 25

PURPOSE OF TEST: This test is designed to determine the driver's ability to know where the right front wheel of the bus is on the pavement.

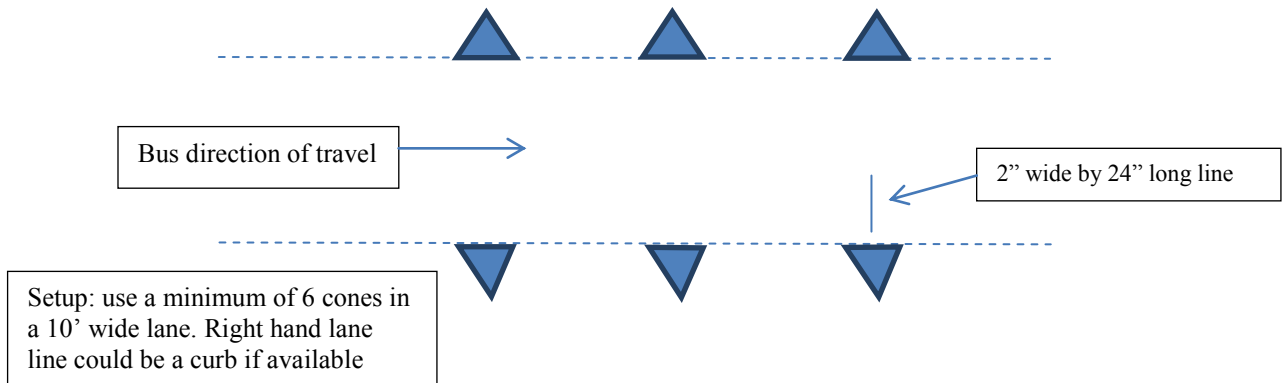
Instructions: The driver will move forward into a lane of cones, and must stop the bus with the right front wheel covering a 2" stripe marked on the pavement. When the driver is satisfied that the tire has covered the stripe, they must stop the bus, shift into neutral, set the parking brake, and sound the horn.

SCORING: If any portion of the stripe is visible to the front or rear of the tire, 25 demerits shall be taken.

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT value	DEMERITS TAKEN
Failure to shift into neutral, set the parking brake, and sound the horn	25	
Any part of the bus strikes a cone in the entry lane	25	
Backing up of the bus – 10 demerits each occurrence	Max 25	
Failure to wear seat belt _____ Failure to operate with headlights on _____ Raising self off seat _____ Driver sticks head out window _____	Max 25	

Head Judge's Name (please print)

TOTAL DEMERITS



Pre-trip Inspection Instructions STATE EVENT ONLY

Participants will be escorted to the Pre-trip event area and are to perform a pre-trip inspection of the bus designated for the test. All buses will be the same style. Competitors will be scored on their ability to find 5 defects in 8 minutes using a systematic approach. Competitors should use a method based upon the recommended procedures in the pre-service manual and operation rules.

Each bus will have five (5) designated defective items labeled with a number 1 through 5. The participant must list the item by number and the defect of that item in the space provided on the score sheet. Proper spelling is not required, but writing must be legible.

Each numbered item is valued at 10 points. The defect (problem) with each item is valued at an additional 10 points. The item and defect must be listed in the numeric order that is indicated on the item.

Drivers must use a systematic method to complete their pre-trip. Each time a contestant steps on and off the bus will be counted, with 10 demerits being charged for each occurrence of getting off the bus or on the bus over 3 times.

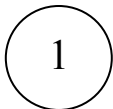
This event will have a strict 8 minute time limit. Each bus will have a judge. The judge will give the participant a 1 (one) minute warning before the expiration of the time limit. The judge will only answer questions about the score sheet and timing. The judge will not answer questions about the items, the numbering of items or the defects.

The participant must give the score sheet to the judge immediately upon expiration of the time limit. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of 100 demerits. Any photo, text, or verbal communication of this event among Road-E-O participants before all have completed the event will result in a penalty of 100 demerits.

The key may be moved to the accessory position during the inspection. It will not be necessary to start the engine of the bus to perform the inspection. The Gauge Check, Air Brake Check, Hydraulic Brake Check, and Operation Inspection of Steering, Parking Brakes, Service Brakes, Engine Noise, Transmission, and Clutch are not included in this event as they require the engine to be running.

Remember! The event is Pre-trip inspection. If you go through the Pre-trip steps as outlined in the Pre-Service School Bus Driver Training Manual, you will find the numbered items. The sample item (Left Front Turn Signal) is marked with a #1 on the first school bus available for inspection. The defect of that item is a cracked lens.

This is the same type and size of numbering that will be used on the actual event buses. Numbering will be done with either black numbers on a white background, or white numbers on a black background.



Shown Actual Size

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS INSPECTED _____

PRE-TRIP INSPECTION (STATE ONLY)

Maximum Score 100

PURPOSE OF TEST: A school bus driver is required by law to perform and document a daily inspection of the bus before transporting students. A school bus found to be unsafe shall not be used for the transportation of pupils until such defects are corrected. A physical inspection should be conducted in a systematic manner to assure that the bus is safe. **It will not be necessary to start the engine of the bus to perform the inspection.** The defects designated will be taken from:

1. Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation and Safety Rules
2. Pre-Service School Bus Driver Training Manual
3. Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws
4. CDL Sections 1-5 and Sections 10, 11, & 13 (2010 edition)

SCORING: Each bus will have five (5) defective items designated by a number 1 through 5. The participant must list the item designated by number and the defect of that item in the space provided below. Each item is valued at 10 points; each defect is valued at 10 points. This event will have a strict 8 minute time limit. Each bus will have a judge. The judge will give the participant a 1 minute warning before the expiration of the time limit. The participant must return the score sheet to the judge immediately upon expiration of the time limit. Failure to do so will result in a penalty of 100 demerits. Any photo, text, or verbal communication of this event among Road-E-O participants before all have completed the event will result in a penalty of 100 demerits.

	Item (10 points each)	Defect (10 points each)	Demerits
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
Sequence	To be completed by judge	Times on bus:	Times off bus:

(10 demerits for each time on or off the bus over 3)

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TOTAL DEMERITS

Field Judge

PARTICIPANT NUMBER _____

BUS DRIVEN _____

FIELD JUDGE

PURPOSE OF TEST: To observe participant's ability to operate the bus properly, and show respect for all equipment, judges and other participants. The field judge may give demerits and warn driver of misuse of equipment in minor situations. In extreme misuse of equipment or if the bus is operated in such a manner that it becomes a hazard to other buses and/or people, the field judge may disqualify a driver and order that driver to leave the course.

SCORING: The violations for which demerits will be given and the demerits for each violation are set forth below.

DESCRIPTION	DEMERIT Value	DEMERITS Taken
Starter had to instruct driver to put seat belt on properly	10	
Driver mistreats and/or abuses equipment. Explain:	50	
Driver abuses, damages, mistreats road-e-o equipment OTHER than the school bus. Explain:	50	
Unnecessary Delay on Course	25	
Unsportsmanlike conduct or being in a restricted area.	725	
Complete disqualification for being disrespectful to judge or committee or other participants including but not limited to cursing and/or violence, deliberately starting problems that are unfounded. Explain:	725	
Time exceeds course limit (if imposed by committee) actual time _____	50	

IF A FIELD JUDGE SCORE SHEET IS NOT RETURNED FOR TABULATION, NO DEMERITS SHALL BE SCORED FOR THE PARTICIPANT.

Field Judge's Name (please print)

TABULATION FORM (For use at both REGIONAL and STATE)

Participant # _____ Bus Number _____ Total Score _____
 Name _____ Total Demerits _____
 School District _____ Final Position _____
 Region _____

Name of Test	Possible Points	Demerits	Score
General Knowledge Test	100	_____	_____
Pre-Trip Test (Hands-on at STATE)	100	_____	_____
1) Turnaround	50	_____	_____
2) Railroad Crossing	50	_____	_____
3) Student Loading & Unloading	100	_____	_____
4) Offset Street	50	_____	_____
5) Curb Line	50	_____	_____
6) Forward Stop Line	50	_____	_____
7) Reverse Serpentine	50	_____	_____
8) Depth Perception Measurement	50	_____	_____
9) Wheel position	25	_____	_____
Field Judge	50	_____	_____
Total Possible Points	725	=====	=====

ATTESTED: _____

Official Scoring Judge

Date

Scores of 580 or above in the Road-E-O will satisfy the driving recertification requirement as detailed in Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-10 (F) (6) if the T9 application is submitted within 24 months of the date of participation in the Road-E-O.