



The Tennessee Association of Pupil Transportation Recommendations Concerning School Bus Driver Footwear.

It is recognized that The State of Tennessee has no enforceable laws/rules/regulations that specifically addresses the footwear of a school bus operator, however, for maximum safety and bus control, The Tennessee Association of Pupil Transportation recommends that each school district establish a common-sense approach to School Bus Driver Footwear Requirements.

- School Bus Driver shoes should comply with common sense safety relating to the brake pedal, accelerator functions and emergency evacuation of students.
- The type of footwear worn by the bus driver could affect his/her ability to safely control the school bus and respond during an emergency.
- **This typically includes a prohibition against wearing open-toed shoes, sandals, clogs, flip-flops, wooden-soled shoes, or heels more than two-inch in height.**
- **The best driving shoe is one that has a non-slip flat sole, covers the entire foot, and fastens securely.**
- If driver activities between routes requires a different shoe, a change can be made before and after the bus route.

