

Driver Roles and Responsibilities





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YOUR ROLE AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

- School bus drivers play a vital role in today's school system**
- Safe: affording safety or security from danger, risk, or difficulty
- Orderly: well behaved and composed
- Efficient: productive without waste



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You are

a dominant figure in the life of a student; you are the first to see the students in the morning and often the last to see them at night.

- The bus driver is an important person, not only to each student passenger, but also to the school division.



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The School Bus Driver Has A Responsibility to the Team



- Passengers
- Parents
- School System
- Supervisor
- Fellow Employees
- General Public



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Characteristics of a Good Bus Driver

- Responsible
- Able to learn
- Positive Attitude
- Good judgment
- Concerned
- Understanding
- Even tempered
- Physically & Emotionally fit
- Not Chemically Dependent
- Neat & Clean



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Think good about yourself!

- You are an important person**
- You have a responsible job**
- You are a member of a team**

You have a large influence on a student's academic attitude. Your own attitude will affect the attitudes of others.



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Driver Requirements

Code of Virginia 22.1-178

- Physical Examination
- Good Driving Record
- Character Statements
- Commercial Driver's License with endorsements
- 18 Years of Age
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Other state requirements per *8VAC20-70-280*: Adequate driving experience, TB certificate, minimum of 48 hours training.



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**Drivers have to be
Responsible to their
safety team.**

Responsible =
reliable, dependable,
answerable and
accountable.





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Responsibility to the School System

- Turn in reports on time.
- Work closely with the school principal, know school policies.
- Follow school policies, regulations and laws.
- Exercise the proper representation of facts.
- Exercise truth and accuracy.
- Maintain good moral standings.
- Exercise proper conduct.
- Exercise appropriate use of assigned resources.



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Responsibility to Supervisor



- Accept responsibility
- Accept authority
- Exhibit professionalism
- Work to the best of ability
- Willing to learn
- Communicate



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Responsibility to Fellow Employees

- Assist other drivers
- Be courteous at all times
- Compliment good work
- Professional courtesy and communications
- Promote good working relationships
- Seek help from school officials to solve problems involving you and other drivers



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Responsibility to Students

- Follow the designated schedule
- Use safe driving techniques
- Maintain a clean bus
- Maintain high standards for personal habits
- Use consistency in discipline
- Communicate in a professional manner
- Follow local school procedures
- Impose fair treatment



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How to Promote a Positive Environment

- Follow the designated schedule
- Exercise safe practices
- Keep a clean bus
- Maintain high personal standards
- Speak courteously
- Use reasonable and fair discipline
- Develop rapport with students
- Acknowledge good behavior
- Set good examples



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Responsibility to Parents

- ❑ Discussions with parents should be conducted in a calm and professional manner.
- ❑ Impress upon parents the bus stop times.
- ❑ Be on time, be courteous and be cooperative.
- ❑ Exhibit concern for safety, practicing good and proper driving habits.
- ❑ Be receptive to parents' and students' suggestions.
- ❑ Advise parents that the safety of the busload is paramount.
- ❑ Explain to the parents the school board's policy.
- ❑ Seek assistance from school officials to help solve problems.



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Responsibility To the Public

The School Bus



- **The School Bus** is purposely the most visible aspect of our public educational system. You are highly visible. The image people have of you influences their opinion of the school system itself.



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Responsibility to Yourself

- Get adequate rest
- Have an adequate diet
- Monitor any health issues
- Follow all safe practices
- Follow all policies
- Plan ahead when making other commitments
- Wear appropriate attire for task and working conditions

You have a safety sensitive job. Your decisions and conditions can and will affect others.



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Give thought for a few moments to these facts:

- Number of pupils you transport
- The number of motorists and others in the environment

Give thought of the general public's acts:

- Expects proficient driving
- May not always recognize or cite good performance
- Will take note of poor actions



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Reminders

- Convey professionalism
- Courteous Actions
- Good Communication
- Positive Attitude
- Develop a good rapport with your students
- Think about the consequences and benefits of your actions



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Using Radio Communications Safely

- The radio should be tested prior to use
- Radios should not be used for personal communications
- Follow all policies and procedures

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