

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

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Policy Title: Driver Training and Responsibility

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Bus drivers shall observe all State statutes and administrative rules governing traffic safety and school bus operation. The District shall, at the beginning of each school year, provide each driver with a copy of the District's written rules for bus drivers and for student conduct on buses.

Each bus driver shall meet the qualifications established by the State Department of eEducation, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Over the age of 18 years of age;
2. Be of good moral character;
3. Not be addicted to the use of intoxicants or narcotics;
4. Possess a valid and appropriate commercial driver's license and other endorsements required by law, and, if applicable, a waiver for insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus issued by the State Department of Education;
5. Be medically qualified under the physical examination standards of the federal motor carrier safety regulations; provided, however, that individuals with insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, who are otherwise medically qualified under the physical examination standards of the federal motor carrier safety regulations, may request a waiver for this condition from the state department of education as provided in Idaho Code § 33-1509; and
6. Meet all requirements necessary to remain in "good standing" with the insurance company of the district.

When a teacher, coach or other certified staff member is assigned to accompany students on a bus, such person shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students in his/her charge. The bus driver shall have final authority and responsibility for the bus. The Superintendent shall establish written procedures for bus drivers.

Safety Training

The District shall provide each new school bus driver with a school bus driver training program before allowing him/her to drive a bus carrying students. The District shall provide all experienced school bus drivers with at least ten (10) hours of refresher school bus driver current practice training each fiscal year. Such training shall meet the requirements described in the Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations. Documented training similar to that required by the District may be used to comply with new school bus driver training hours, unless the driver has a gap of more than four (4) years in their previous driving experience.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop written rules establishing the procedures for bus safety and emergency exit drills, and for student conduct while riding on buses, including for students with special needs.

The District shall ensure transportation personnel have access to a library of resources to assist them in operating safe and efficient transportation services. These resources shall include:

1. Applicable federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations;
2. Applicable manuals and guidelines;

3. Online access to internet and other resources; and
4. Applicable trade journals and originations' publications.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1508, I.C. § 33-1509, IDAPA 08.02.02.170
I.C. § 49-105
FMCSA 382.105

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