



Bus Driver

Purpose Statement

The Bus Driver is responsible for safely transporting students over scheduled routes and to/from special excursions. This includes ensuring the vehicle is in safe operating condition and maintaining the safety of students during transport, loading, and unloading.

Supervisory Relationship

Reports to: Facilities and Transportation Director

Essential Functions

- **Student Safety:** Advise students and other passengers on appropriate behavior to reinforce guidelines and ensure safety.
- **Incident Assessment:** Evaluate incidents, complaints, and potential emergencies (e.g., road hazards, medical emergencies) to recommend or take appropriate action.
- **Assist Passengers:** Help students and passengers during normal transport and emergencies to ensure safe boarding and unloading.
- **Training Attendance:** Participate in unit meetings, in-service training, and workshops to gather necessary information for job performance.
- **Vehicle Cleaning:** Clean both the interior and exterior of assigned vehicles to ensure safety, appearance, and sanitation.
- **Emergency Drills:** Conduct emergency evacuation drills to ensure procedural efficiency and compliance with requirements.
- **Transport Duties:** Drive the school bus over scheduled routes and for field trips, ensuring safe and timely transport.
- **Vehicle Maintenance:** Refuel the vehicle and perform necessary checks (e.g., oil, water, tire pressure) to maintain safe operation.
- **Communication:** Inform school personnel and parents about events, policies, and practices related to transportation.
- **Monitor Transit:** Supervise students and passengers during transit to ensure safe transportation.
- **Trip Procedures:** Execute all procedures for out-of-town trips, including food, fuel, and lodging arrangements.
- **Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Inspections:** Perform inspections to ensure the vehicle's safe operating condition and compliance with guidelines.
- **Report Preparation:** Document activities and incidents through reports (e.g., field trips, incidents, inspections) to provide references and comply with guidelines.
- **Adhere to School Policies:** Follow school policies and procedures to ensure compliance.
- **Attendance:** This position requires prompt and consistent attendance.
- **Perform Other Duties:** Undertake additional tasks as assigned to support effective operation.

Job Requirements: Minimum Qualifications

Skills

- Adhere to safety practices.
- Administer first aid.
- Apply pertinent codes, policies, regulations, and laws.
- Operate district vehicles and equipment.
- Prepare and maintain accurate records.

Knowledge

- Basic math, including fractions, percentages, and ratios.
- Emergency evacuation techniques.
- Basic vehicle maintenance.
- First aid and health standards.
- Pertinent codes, policies, regulations, and laws.
- Safe driving practices.
- Two-way radio communication.

Abilities

- Schedule activities and use job-related equipment.
- Work flexibly with diverse individuals and groups.
- Analyze situations and draw conclusions.
- Maintain confidentiality and work with constant distractions.
- Communicate effectively with diverse groups, including school-age riders.
- Exercise sound judgment and understand the special needs of students and parents.

Responsibility

Work under limited supervision following standardized practices. Provide information and advice to others. Operate within a defined budget. Impact the organization's services significantly.

Work Environment

Occasional lifting, carrying, pushing, and pulling. Some stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling. Significant fine finger dexterity. Generally, 60% sitting, 20% walking, and 20% standing. Exposure to temperature extremes and some risk of injury or illness.

Experience

Job-related experience is required.

Education

High school diploma or equivalent.

Required Testing/Certificates and Licenses

Alcohol and Drug Test

Bus Driver's Certificate

Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

CPR Certificate

Continuing Education/Training

Maintains certificates and/or licenses

Meets continuing education requirements, as needed

Clearances

Criminal Justice Fingerprint/Background Clearance

FLSA Status

Non-Exempt

Salary Grade

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