

Driver Training and Responsibility

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

Each bus driver will meet the qualifications established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including possession of a valid Montana commercial driver's license (with school bus "S" and passenger "P" endorsements), receive ten (10) hours of in-service annually and Department of Transportation-approved physician's certification that he/she is medically qualified for employment as a bus driver. The bus driver shall secure a valid standard first aid certificate from an authorized instructor, within two (2) months after being employed, and maintain a valid first aid certificate throughout employment as a bus driver. The bus driver must have five (5) years driving experience.

A school bus driver is prohibited from operating a school bus while using a cellular phone, including hands free cellular phone devices, except:

- During an emergency situation;
- To call for assistance if there is a mechanical breakdown or other mechanical problem; or
- When the school bus is parked.

A teacher, coach or other staff member assigned to accompany students on a bus will have primary responsibility for behavior of students in his or her charge. The bus driver has final authority and responsibility for the bus. The Superintendent/designee will establish written procedures for bus drivers.

Cross Reference:

Administrative Procedures

Legal Reference:

§ 20-10-103, MCA
10.7.111, ARM
10.64.201, ARM
§ 50-46-205, MCA

School bus driver qualifications
Qualification of Bus Drivers
Drivers
Limitations of Medical Marijuana Act

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