

Support Services: Transportation Services

Policy 405.2

Driver Training and Responsibility

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 education, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Over the age of 18 years of age;
2. Be of good moral character;
3. Must pass background check.
4. Not be addicted to the use of intoxicants or narcotics
5. 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;
6. 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.

Each bus driver shall maintain such route books and other records as may be required. He/she shall report any student whose behavior is such as may endanger the operation of the vehicle, or who damages the same or any part thereof, or whose language is obscene according to discipline guidelines and procedures established by the district under the direction of the

It shall be the duty of each driver to report any condition on, or bordering, his route which constitutes a hazard to the safety of the students being transported. During times of adverse weather bus drivers are counseled to use caution and to proceed only if road conditions are safe as outlined in Policy 402.1.1 "School Closing and Cancellations."

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.

Legal Reference: I.C. § 33-1508 Operation of School Buses
I.C. § 33-1509 School Bus Drivers – Definition – Qualification – Duties
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