

School Bus Driver Examination and Training

School bus driver selection procedures will be developed to ensure acceptance of drivers whose capabilities are commensurate with job responsibilities. Each new school bus driver will be selected for his/her potential for improving the fleets record and performance.

1. School bus driver selection will be based on investigating application references, a motor vehicles report from the Department of Motor Vehicles, criminal records check, drug test, a physical examination and other physical requirements, planned oral interview, tests and a driver-training program.
2. No school bus driver shall be placed on a route or in any vehicle transporting students without a school bus permit, certificate or temporary approval issued by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).
3. No school bus driver shall be placed in any vehicle subject to Commercial Drivers License (CDL) requirements or permitted to perform any other safety-sensitive functions who does not comply with applicable provisions of the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991.
4. In emergencies, only school bus drivers who are on the Oregon Department of Education emergency drivers list will be used.

All school bus drivers are required to inform the district within 15 days of any change in their driving or criminal records that could affect their eligibility to maintain the necessary Oregon Department of Education approval for licensing. This includes convictions for moving violations, driving under the influence, involvement in a chargeable accident in own personal vehicle, or any change in licensing ability.

A school bus manufacturer, school bus dealer or school bus mechanic is not required to have a school bus endorsement while operating a school bus that is not transporting students

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 659.840	ORS Chapters 801 , 802 , 807 , 809 , 811 ,	OAR 581-053-0006
ORS 659A.300	813	OAR 581-053-0015
ORS 659A.306	ORS 820.110	HB 2268 (2007)

Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991, 49 U.S.C. §§ 31301-31317; 49 C.F.R. Parts 40, 382, 391-395 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

GBED - Medical Examinations/Drug Testing; GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting