

## **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 district's safety record and performance.

1. School bus driver selection will be based on results of investigating application references, a motor vehicles violation report from the department of motor vehicles, criminal records check, a physical examination, a drug test and other physical requirements, planned oral interview, tests and completion of a driver-training program.
2. No school bus driver shall be placed on a route or in any vehicle transporting students who does not meet the qualification requirements of the Oregon Revised Statutes, Administrative Rules and the Oregon Department of Education. All drivers will hold an Oregon Motor Vehicle's Commercial Drivers License. Drivers will have an acceptable driving record, appropriate specialized training provided by the District and designed for special needs transportation prior to transporting students with disabilities. Drivers will also have the qualifications listed in District adopted procedures and written regulations for the transportation department.
3. 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 of drugs or other intoxicants, involvement in a chargeable accident in a personally owned vehicle, or any change in licensing eligibility.

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

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 659.840](#)

[OAR 581-053-0006](#)

[ORS 659A.300](#)

[OAR 581-053-0015](#)

[ORS 659A.306](#)

ORS Chapters [801](#), [802](#), [807](#), [809](#), [811](#), [813](#), HB 2268

[813](#)

[ORS 820.110](#)

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