

Dietrich School District No. 314

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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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. Be over the age of 18 years of age;
2. Be of good moral character;
3. Not be addicted to the use of intoxicants or narcotics;
4. 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; and
5. Be 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.
6. All new school bus drivers shall complete a prior approved school bus training program and pass all knowledge tests contained in the se school bus driver classroom curriculum.
7. Each new driver shall be required ten (10) hours of practical training in a school bus with a minimum of six (6) hours of actual behind-the-wheel training.
8. Each new driver shall perform an emergency evacuation practical and receive a driver evaluation before being allowed to drive a school bus loaded with students
9. All experienced school bus drivers shall complete at least ten(10) hours of bus training each fiscal year. At least three (3) hours of preservice training shall be provided by the school district in the fall. At least three (3) in-service training sessions shall be provided during the school year utilizing, at a minimum of thirty (30) minutes.

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 or 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: FMSCA 382.105
I.C. § 33-1508

Testing Procedures
Operation of School Buses
I.C. § 33-1509
School Bus Drivers – Definition – Qualification –
Duties
School Bus Drivers and Vehicle Operation

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Other References:

Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations
Idaho’s School Bus Drivers Training - Classroom Curriculum
Idaho’s School Bus Drivers Training - Behind the Wheel

Curriculum

Policy History:

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