

California Bus Driver Requirements



In order to qualify to be a California School Bus Driver, an individual needs to:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be in good physical condition.
- Be of good moral character.
- Have a good driving record. *
- Have a clean criminal record. *
- Have the desire & patience to work with children.

Before you actually become a California School Bus Driver you must:

- Attend a minimum of 20 hours of classroom instruction.
- Pass a physical examination (no Epilepsy, Type I Diabetes, or High Blood Pressure).
- Pass 4 written tests at the DMV.
- Pass 2 written tests at the CHP.
- Train a minimum of 20 hours behind-the-wheel.
- Pass a driving test with the CHP.
- Pass a pre-employment drug test & fingerprinting for the district

Once you become a California School Bus Driver you must:

- Be randomly tested for drugs and alcohol.
- Attend a minimum of 10 hours per year of training.

*See Next Page for Conditions/Violations that will prevent you from becoming a bus driver in California.

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Convictions & Violations that will Prevent you from Becoming a School Bus Driver:

- Under the Influence within 3 years: DMV shall deny a certificate
- Reckless Driving within 3 years: DMV shall deny a certificate
- Any Sex Crime (Rape, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct, Child Molestation, Prostitution, etc.,) throughout your whole life: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Any Offense Relating to the use, sale, possession or transportation of narcotics, habit forming drugs or dangerous drugs, within 7 years: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Any Felony within 7 years: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Cruelty to Spouse or Child throughout your whole life: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Domestic Violence throughout your whole life: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Violent Crimes throughout your whole life: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Most Assaults within 3 years: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Most Assaults within 5 years: DMV shall deny a certificate.
- Any Crime that Questions your Character (Moral Turpitude) throughout your whole life: DMV may deny a certificate. (most of the time “shall”)
- Any Violations with a count of two points within 3 years: DMV may deny a certificate.
- Suspensions within 3 years: DMV may deny a certificate.
- 3 Accidents within 12 months: DMV may deny a certificate.
- Within 24 months, Caused or Contributed to the Cause of an Accident Resulting in a Fatality or Serious Injury or Serious Property Damage in Excess of Seven Hundred & Fifty Dollars (\$750): DMV may deny a certificate.
- Has Knowingly Made a False Statement or Concealed a Material Fact on an Application for a Certificate or Endorsement: DMV may deny a certificate.
- Does Not Meet the Minimum Medical Standards: DMV shall deny or cancel a certificate.
- Dishonored Check: a fine will be collected, certificate confiscated and denied.