

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

School Bus Drivers

**Authority**

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway or road. A bus driver shall not require any student to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations. (5 CCR 14103)

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The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all school bus drivers employed by the District comply, at a minimum, with the following requirements for the transportation of students:

1. Possession of a proper license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.
2. Possession of a current Red Cross First Aid Certificate or certified completion of the first aid test given by the California Highway Patrol.
3. Possession of a current medical certificate as required by law.

All bus drivers shall also be required to attend driver training programs mandated by law and shall be familiar with and adhere to District policies and regulations relating to the transportation of students.

All school bus accidents shall be reported immediately to the California Highway Patrol, the District and the driver's employer (if other than District). (Code of Regulations, Title 13, 1219)

(Legal Reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 39830-39842 School buses
- 40080-40090.5 Training required to obtain or renew bus driver certificate
- 45125.1 Criminal background checks for contractors
- 56195.8 Training in installation of mobile seating devices

PENAL CODE

- 241.3 Assault against school bus driver
- 243.3 Battery against school bus driver

VEHICLE CODE

- 1808.8 Dismissal for safety-related cause
- 2570-2575 Transportation of students
- 12517-12517.4 Certification requirements
- 12522 First aid training for school bus drivers
- 13376 Driver certificates; revocation or suspension; sex offense prosecution
- 22112 School bus signals; roadway crossings
- 25257 School bus; flashing light signal system
- 25257.2 School bus used for transportation of developmentally disabled person
- 34501.6 School buses; reduced visibility
- 34508.5 Investigation of accidents

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 14103 Authority of the driver
- 14104 School bus driver instructor

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

- 1200-1228 General provisions, school bus regulations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

- 571.222 Federal motor vehicle safety standard #222