

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Driver Training and Responsibility

Bus operators 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 School Bus Driver Handbook (SPI), any additional laws and/or rules which have been recently enacted and which apply to school bus drivers, and the district's written rules for student conduct on buses.

Each bus driver must possess a current SPI School Bus Drivers certificate, a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) with classification appropriate to the size and type of vehicle, a CDL passenger endorsement along with an air brake endorsement. A bus driver is required to pass a Department of Transportation and Superintendent of Public Instruction physical examination every two years.

When a teacher, coach or other certificated staff member is assigned to accompany students on a bus, such person shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students in his/her charge. The bus driver shall have final authority and responsibility.

Legal References:	RCW	28A.160.210	School bus drivers, training and qualifications--Rules and regulations for
		46.25	Uniform Commercial Drivers Act
	WAC	180-20-200	Training and qualifications of school bus drivers
		through -230	
		392-145-015	General operating regulations
		392-145-020	Rules for school bus drivers;
		through 030	Rules for students riding school buses

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