Illinois Professional School Bus Driver Training Curriculum



Initial Class

Minimum of 8 hours of Instruction Time



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 - You are a guardian, teacher, friend, and sometimes disciplinarian to the students riding a school bus

- Occupational Role
 - The primary objective or role of the bus driver's role - To Provide <u>SAFE</u> Transportation for Students.



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- Approved by S.O.S.
 - clean driving record history



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- Pass School Bus Driver Physical with TB & Drug Test
- 3. School Bus Driver Fingerprint/Background Check
- 4. Pass the ROE Initial Classroom Training
- 5. Pass all required S.O.S CDL Written & Driving Exams

Annual Medical Exam (Reapplication)

- 90 days or less prior to permit application or renewal
 - Medical Exam (School Bus Physical)
 - Drugs / Alcohol testing
 - Not required to retest for TB (Tuberculosis) unless prescribed by examining physician
 - Submit the reapplication form with S.O.S.

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If you allow your permit to go beyond 30 days from expiration it is considered an NEW applicant and must start all over.

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- After the 30 day grace period, you <u>must</u> attend the minimum 8 hour Initial Course again.

Sanctions

- Cancellations
- Suspensions
- Rescind Order

Sanctions

- Serious Traffic Violation
 - Excessive speeding (over 15 mph)
 - Speeding in school zone
 - Passing a stopped school bus
 - Failure to stop at a RXR and conduct the proper procedures in a School Bus
 - Improper or erratic lane changes
 - Following to closely

Sanctions

- Suspension of Driver's License
- Suspension of Professional School Bus Permit
- Certain unrelated actions can have adverse effect on your Professional School Bus Permit
 - Lack of insurance
 - Delinquent child support
 - Boating / ATV / Snowmobile violations

Zero Tolerance

- .08 basic auto license
- .04 CDL license



- .00 Professional School Bus Driver Permit Holder (Any Trace of Alcohol)
- SOS can cancel the Professional School Bus Permit for a period of 3 years after convicted

Zero Tolerance

 Any and all serious traffic violations by a CDL holder, regardless of the vehicle used to commit the violation, will effect your CDL driving privileges!



Types of Required Drug & Alcohol Testing

- Pre Employment
- Random
- Post Accident
- Reasonable Suspicion
- Return to Duty
- Follow Up Testing



Forms of Drug & Alcohol Testing

- Alcohol
 - Breath Analysis
 - Test administered by the Medical Examiner during the annual or initial physical to determine / clarify alcoholism



Forms of Drug & Alcohol Testing

- Drug
 - Urine
 - Tested for marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines and phencyclidine

Professional Driver Conduct

- You have more public contact than any one else in the school system.
- Dress appropriately (know the dress code for student if you do not have an uniform)
- Your behavior and professionalism directly reflects upon your school / company.
- Open-toe or open-back shoes are <u>NOT</u> recommended.
- The use of any tobacco products is prohibited by law on any school property - this includes school buses (105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b)

Professional Driver Conduct

- The Driver's behavior will set the tone of the bus.
- Decisions you make in your personal life with meds, social drinking, or drugs can greatly affect a student's life.
- NEVER drive under the influence!

Professional Driver Conduct

- Cultural Diversity
 - Be fair to all
 - React or discipline based on actions not ethnicity
- Extension of the classroom
 - Real-life situation training for students

- It is the law that you conduct a complete and thorough pre-trip each day a school bus is in service.
- If more than one driver operates the bus during the same day, <u>EACH</u> <u>driver</u> must conduct a separate pre-trip.
- The easiest way to keep it straight, is whomever is seated in the driver's seat <u>must</u> match the most recent signature on the pretrip form.

Pre-Trip InspectionForm

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School Bus Drivers's Pre-Trip Inspection Form

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	Front Identification/Cluster Lights
	Front Eight Light Flashing System
	Front Reflectors
Fuses (if applicable)	
First Aid Kit	Windshield
Fire Extinguisher	Underside of Chassis
Lettering	Crossover Mirror(s)
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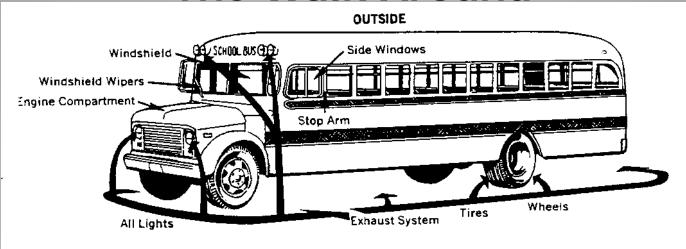
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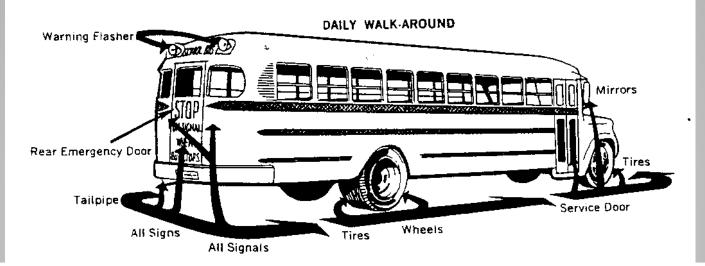
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- Sections of Pre-Trip
 - District or Company Name / Bus # / Date & Time
 - Under the Hood
 - Entry area
 - Safety Certification & Odometer Decal
 - Start Engine/ Interior Lights and Devices
 - Exterior Lights / Walk Around
 - Brake Check
 - Sign & Turn In Original Copy

- Tire Tread Depth
 - 4/32 front No recaps
 - 2/32 rear Can be recaps
- Tire need to be the same type and size on the rear axle

The Walk Around





Post-Tripping Your Bus

- Secure the Bus
- WALK THE BUS at the end of your route or trip
 - Sleeping Students
 - Your Responsibility to look!
 - Class 4 Felony if you leave a child on the bus!
 - Shut off ignition / Activate Interior Lights / Walk to Rear of Bus Checking to Students
 - Lost Items
 - Record any problems for repair



THAT'S HOW LONG IT TAKES TO LOOK FOR STUDENTS LEFT ON YOUR BUS.

" It takes less time to do a thing right, than to explain why you did it wrong."









PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS CHECK FOR KIDS



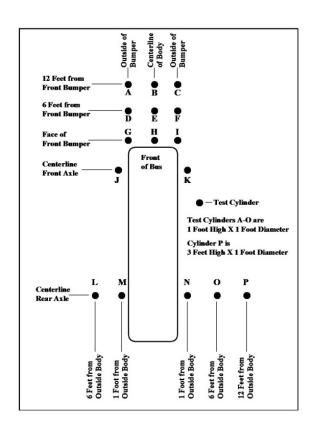
EVERY DAY.

Post-Tripping Your Bus

- Check transmission while the engine is hot and running.
- Fill up the fuel tank when it is ½ full or less.
 - NEVER fill the tank while passengers are on board.
- Make clear descriptions for the mechanic when recording, needed repairs.

 School buses are the safest means of ground transportation in the United States of America.

Mirrors FMVSS - 111



- School Bus Rollover Protection -FMVSS 220
- School Bus Body Joint Strength -FMVSS 221

 School Bus Pedestrian Safety Devices (Stop Arms) - FMVSS 131



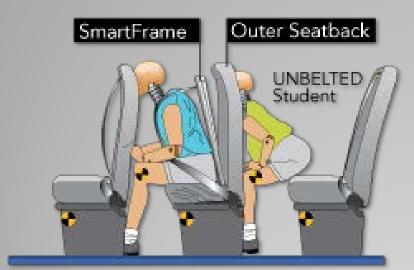
School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash

Protection - FMVSS-222

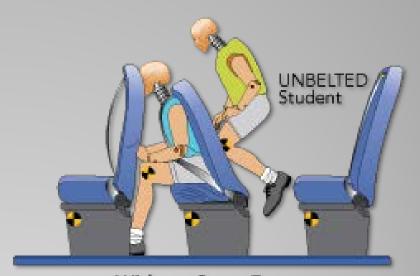








With SmartFrame



Without SmartFrame

- If you have an accident, use common sense & good judgment and follow your school district or company policy & procedures.
- Your First and Foremost Responsibility is to the Safety of your passengers.
- Remain Calm your actions will influence your passenger actions.
- Always report ALL accidents

- Emergency Equipment
 - First Aid Kit

ILLINOIS SCHOOL BUS FIRST AID KIT CONTENTS

(Required, but not limited to the following.)

ALL REQUIRED ITEMS MUST BE SEALED IN THE ORIGINAL CELLOPHANE!

Qty.	Despcription	Pieces Per Unit
1	1" x 3" Plastic Adhesive Bandages (i.e. Band-Aids)	16
2	2" Bandage Compress	4
2	4" Bandage Compress	1
1	Triangular Bandage w/ pins	1
1	Wire Splint	1

- Fire Extinguisher
 - # 10 ABC Dry chemical
- Emergency Reflectors
- Contact info
 - Insurance & Registration Card
 - Phone #'s
- Student List & Seating Charts

- Safety is a shared responsibility
 - Driver
 - Administration
 - Parents
 - Teachers / Coaches / Chaperones
- Report ANY ACTIONS that impairs your ability to ensure the SAFETY & WELL-BEING of your busriding students.

- What to do immediately after an accident
 - Leave bus in place unless told to move it by authorities
 - Activate hazard lights
 - Place in neutral & set parking brake
 - Turn off ignition / remove key
 - Locate and place warning devices

- Determine if safest to leave students on the bus or get them off the bus
- Check for injuries
- Check for conditions that could cause fire
 - Leaking fuel
 - Hot tires
- Do not leave students unattended

Post Accident Procedures

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why

Post Accident Procedures

- Notify help
- <u>Do Not</u> release any student to anyone unless told to do so by
 - School District Administration or
 - Police
- Parents are not allowed on the bus
- Do not discuss details with the media

Accident Reporting

- Complete required ISBE reporting forms
- Illinois Traffic Crash Report (SR 1050-510M)
- Submit forms to IDOT
- ROE
- School District or employer

Emergencies

- Know the location of all your tools and know how they work.
- Emergencies come in many forms
 - Strikes
 - Bus hijacking
 - Weapons on the bus or at stops
 - Unauthorized boarding / passengers
 - Student health emergencies
 - Fights
 - Suspected Explosives on the bus
 - Pedophile / sex offenders in area

Natural Disasters

- Adverse weather
 - Thunderstorms
 - Earthquakes
 - Tornadoes Never try to out run
 - Flash Floods Never drive through water





Natural Disasters

- Be prepared
- AM / FM stations
- Alternate routes
- Stay Calm!
- Follow instructions from administration / dispatch or EMS

Natural Disasters

- Watch conditions are right for storm or tornado
- Warning storm or tornado has been spotted or radar indicated
- Always communicate with dispatch of your location
- Road conditions can change stay alert
 - Reduce speed
 - Time of day
 - Tempeture
 - RxR Crossings

Man-Made Disasters

- Road Blocks
- Downed Power Lines
- Vehicle Collisions
- Meth Labs
- Pipeline Leaks
- Chemical Spills
- Kidnapping
- Hostage Situations
- Acts of Terrorism
- Know your districts plan

- The driver must consider the fact that the safest place for the students may be on the bus.
- Decisions must be made as quickly as possible based on all the facts
- Types of Emergency Exits
 - Front Door
 - Rear Door
 - Side Emergency Door (if equipped, NOT recommended)
 - Roof-Hatch
 - Side Window Emergency Exit

- Drills
 - Illinois law (105 ILCS 128/20) requires that <u>all</u> students must experience a school bus evacuation drill at least once each year.
 - Conducted by proper school officials / administration
 - On School property

- Drills
 - Students should be instructed with demonstrations
 - Location and operation of all emergency exits
 - Location and operation of fire extinguisher
 - Location of First Aid Kit
 - Location and operation of warning reflectors
 - How to shut off the engine and set the parking brake
 - How to open the front door using safety releases
 - Move to a Safe place approx. 100 ft from bus

- Drills
 - Drivers are responsible for knowing the proper procedures and should have a chance to conduct a simulated drill.

- Front-Door Evacuation
 - Safest and easiest
 - Start at the front of the bus one row, one seat at a time out the front door
 - Meet at a safe location approx 100 ft away from bus

- Rear-Door Evacuation
 - Start at the rear of the bus one row, one seat at a time out the rear door
 - Walk to back door, sit on floor and slide/scoot out.
 - Meet at a safe location approx 100 ft away from bus





- Front & Rear-Door Evacuation
 - Use the same procedures as Front and Rear Door at the same time
 - Meet at safe location approx 100 ft away from bus

- Side-Door Evacuation
 - Use the same procedures as the Rear Door
 - Meet at safe location approx 100 ft away from bus



Roof-Hatch Evacuation

Used only when the bus is on its side

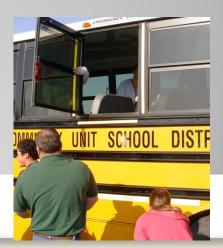
Meet at safe location approx 100 ft away from

bus



- Side Window Emergency Exit Evacuation
 - Open the emergency window per instructions on or near the bus emergency window exit.
 - Two helpers, one in the seat in front of the Emergency Window and one in the seat behind the Emergency Window.
 - The two helpers stand up in their seat area and support the open window with their hands.





- Side Window Emergency Exit Evacuation
 - Place both knees on the seat facing the isle, back to the window.
 - Place both hands on seat bottom while facing the isle/floor.
 - Proceed feet first out the window lowering yourself over the window sill on your stomach.





- Side Window Emergency Exit Evacuation
 - Watch for loose articles of clothing that may become hung up on the window sill while exiting. (jewelry, belts, shirts...)





- Side Window Emergency Exit Evacuation
 - Once the first person is out and on the ground they remain by the bus and help lower the remaining people out the window and to the ground by forming a cradle with their hands under one foot.
 - The first two out continue helping until tired and /or replaced by another person.
 - When the helpers inside are the last ones and it is their turn to exit taller students need to step up and help hold the window from the out side in addition to the helpers lowering them to the ground. Meet at safe location approx 100 ft away

from bus

- One question to ask
 - Is it possible to use every type of emergency exit on a school bus in one given accident, and if so how?
- No matter what exit is used, always remember that loose articles like book bags, purses, coats, wheelchairs, etc are replaceable and are to be left on the bus. Students are not!
- Keep in mind that we train on one exit at a time, but the students need to know that they should use every possible exit to be out of the bus in 2 minutes or less safely.

- Special Needs Students
 - Staff should have an emergency plan that considers the needs of each special needs student
 - They are never the first out nor the last out as they need assistance inside and outside the bus.