

BUS DRIVER EXAMINATION AND TRAINING

The driver of a school bus is responsible for the safety of students riding the bus; therefore, the students are under the authority and supervision of the bus driver while on the bus. Therefore, each bus driver shall observe all state laws and regulations pertaining to the safe use of school buses.

The following qualifications for bus drivers have been established by law or by regulations of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and/or by policies of the Springfield RXII Board of Education. The qualifications for a substitute bus driver shall be the same as for a regularly employed driver.

A bus driver shall hold a valid school bus permit in accordance with section 302.272, RSMo., along with a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and shall submit all driver's license numbers to the office of the superintendent or his/her designee prior to the first day of school.

A driver shall be in good physical and mental health, free from communicable disease, and have normal use of both arms, hands, legs, and feet. Vision shall be at least 20/20 in one eye with 20/40 vision in the other eye, or 20/30 vision in both eyes, with correction if necessary. A driver shall be able to distinguish the colors of red, green and yellow. Hearing shall be adequate to hear ordinary conversation. A driver shall undergo a physical examination annually by a licensed physician, and shall present a signed physical examination certificate to the office of the superintendent or his/her designee prior to the first day of school.

A driver shall be neat and clean; abstain from the use of tobacco in the bus and on all school property; refrain from driving under the influence of intoxicants, narcotics, or drugs; and conduct self in a manner that will influence the students positively.

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Legal Refs: 302.272, 304.060
Missouri Certified Bus Driver Instructor's Manual
MO Pupil Transportation Administrative Handbook
MO School Bus Driver Manual

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Title XII of Pub. Law 99-570

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