

Bus Driver Training

- a. All new school bus drivers shall complete a prior-approved school bus training program and pass all knowledge tests contained in the SDE school bus driver classroom curriculum. Each new driver shall also be required to have ten (10) hours of practical training in a school bus with a minimum of six (6) hours of actual EFFECTIVE July 1, 2018 SISBO / Student Transportation / SDE / 70 behind the wheel training. Each new driver shall perform an emergency evacuation practical and receive a driver evaluation before being allowed to drive a school bus loaded with students. As a support to school district personnel, the SDE staff shall develop and maintain model classroom and behind-the-wheel training methods and resources (Sections 33-1508, 33-1509, and 33-1511, Idaho Code).
- b. All experienced school bus drivers shall complete at least ten (10) hours refresher school bus driver training each fiscal school year. At least three (3) hours of pre-service training shall be provided before school begins in the fall. In addition, at least three (3) in-service training sessions shall be provided during the school year utilizing, at a minimum, thirty (30) minute, topic specific and documented, training blocks.
- c. School districts/contractors shall request documentation of all previous school bus driver training and driving experience, in accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration CDL licensing requirements. Documentation of previous training, similar to SBOE training requirements, may be used to comply with new school bus driver training hours. Regardless of any previous out of district training, all newly hired school bus drivers shall have sufficient training provided by the hiring district or contractor, along with accompanying documentation, illustrating proficient school bus driving skills. If the district/contractor is unable to obtain documentation of previous school bus driver training, the individual shall complete the training requirements for new school bus drivers. If the applicant has gaps in excess of four (4) years of ongoing school bus driving experience, the individual shall complete the training requirements for new school bus drivers.

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