

BP 3542 Roles and Duties of Bus and Vehicle Drivers **Employees**

Authority of School Bus and Vehicle Drivers

Students transported in a school bus or vehicle shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus or vehicle. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus, in the vehicle, or being escorted across a street, highway, or road.

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

All bus drivers shall receive training as mandated by law. ~~They~~ Bus and vehicle drivers who transport students also shall be familiar with and adhere to district policies and regulations relating to student transportation.

Note: State law, [AS 28.35.161](#), prohibits texting while driving.

Bus and vehicle drivers are prohibited from utilizing a cell phone or other portable electronic device to read or type text messages or other non-voice communications while driving.

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

[28.15.046](#) *Licensing of school bus drivers*

[28.35.161](#) *Use of electronic devices while driving; unlawful installation of television, monitor, or similar device*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

[4 AAC 27.200](#) *Approved school bus driver training courses*

[4 AAC 27.210](#) *Certification of instructors*

[4 AAC 27.220](#) *Minimum standards for school bus driver training courses*

[4 AAC 27.225](#) *Issuance of school bus driver certificates under 4 AAC 27.200(a) and (b)*

[4 AAC 27.230](#) *Issuance of school bus driver certificates under 4 AAC 27.200 (c)*

[4 AAC 27.235](#) *Revocation of school bus driver training course approval*

[4 AAC 27.240](#) *Revocation of instructor certificate*

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