

BP 3542 Roles and Duties of Bus Drivers ~~Employees~~

Authority of School Bus Drivers

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus 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 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. Option 1 sets forth this legal requirement. Option 2 prohibits the use of all personal phones and devices while driving or performing professional duties.

Option 1:

Bus 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.

Option 2:

Bus drivers are prohibited from using personal cell phones or other personal electronic devices at all times while driving and while performing other professional duties. Use of district provided phones or electronic equipment shall be in compliance with district procedures. Bus drivers are prohibited from utilizing a district issued 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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