

QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF BUS DRIVERS

QUALIFICATIONS

1. School bus drivers must be at least twenty-five (25) years old, possess a class B commercial license, and have not less than five (5) years of driving experience with an unrestricted operator's license; ¹
2. Annual physical and mental examinations are required for all school bus drivers; ²⁻³
3. Substitutes or alternative drivers shall meet all qualifications and requirements for regular drivers.

DUTIES

1. Neat appearance, courteous to parents and children and cooperative with teachers and school officials;
2. Participate in the state-sponsored driver training program;
3. Perform pre and post trip daily vehicle inspections per federal regulations;
4. Obey all state and local traffic regulations and shall assist motorists in passing the school bus between stops;
5. Wear seat belts at all times when such belts are provided;
6. Remain on buses while students are on the bus, including loading and unloading;
7. Promote safety habits with the group of students he/she transports;
8. Report any misconduct of student to the principal of the school to which the student belongs or to the transportation supervisor;
9. School bus drivers shall not use profanity when children are being transported;
10. Bus drivers shall not use tobacco in any form while on the bus and shall not be under the influence of any intoxicating drink or other drug;
11. Sweep and clean the bus at least once each day;
12. Wash your assigned bus once per month
13. Fuel your bus as needed, and
14. Shall be responsible for checking the bus at the end of every run to ensure that all students have left the bus.

Legal References:

1. TCA 55-50-407; TCA 55-50-102 (19)(c)
2. AGO 85•093; TRR/MS 0520-1-5•.01 (5)
3. TCA 49-6-2108