

# Definition of a School Bus Driver

A School bus driver Must:

- ♦ Have a genuine care and concern for children
- ♦ Be a positive role model displaying the attitudes and behavior of a well-adjusted adult
- ♦ Be a defensive driver
- ♦ Have the skills and knowledge to respond properly in an emergency
- ♦ Have an understanding of the role of a school bus driver in the broad context of the total educational system—to be a part of the team to support education for children



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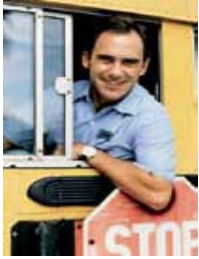
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## How to become a

## School Bus Driver



## QUALIFICATIONS:

- ⇒ High School Diploma or equivalent
- ⇒ 21 years of age minimum
- ⇒ Other requirements as set forth by DeSoto Parish School Board and State of Louisiana



## PROCESS

The process to become a school bus driver:

1. Eligibility—You must have an acceptable driving record and no criminal record i.e. no felonies. The charge for a background check is \$50.00. Money orders are to be made payable to: DeSoto Parish School Board. No personal checks will be accepted.
2. Complete School Bus Driver Training Program. This program consists of 30 hours of classroom training and 10 hours behind the wheel of a school bus.

## CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Criminal Background Check
- ☐ Acceptable Driving Record
- ☐ Drug Screening
- ☐ Physical Exam
- ☐ Complete Online Application at <[www.desotopsb.com](http://www.desotopsb.com)>
- ☐ Commercial Drivers License (CDL) with air brakes certification
- ☐ Endorsements: P and S (P=Passenger) (S=School Bus)
- ☐ CDL Type: C or B



*...to care for our students, ensure their learning, and celebrate their graduation as citizens prepared to transform their dreams into realities.*