Bus Driver Qualifications

Clark- Pleasant Community School Corporation bus drivers have a very difficult job. Every day they are responsible for reporting to work on time to ensure all the buses leave on time. Their day begins with checking the forecast for the day so they know what to expect on the roadways.

Once at work, they have a very extensive checklist of items that must be inspected before leaving our bus lot. They are responsible for checking everything under the bus to everything inside the bus. The smallest defect is enough to often put the bus out of service because any defect may pose a threat to the children's safety.

Our Commitment to Safety requires that all new CPCSC drivers are subject to the following:

All new drivers must have:
An extensive background check
An annual driving record evaluation
A criminal history check performed and checked annually
A three-day class for school bus drivers required by the State of Indiana
20 classroom hours of training through CPCSC
20 hours of behind-the-wheel training before completion of training
Experience riding and observation with 8 CPCSC drivers
Experience driving 8 routes while observed by CPCSC drivers
Success on the CDL Skills test
A satisfactory final evaluation

Experienced Drivers with a CDL license must have:
An extensive background check
An annual driving record evaluation
A criminal history check performed and checked annually
10 classroom hours of training through Clark- Pleasant
10 hours of behind the wheel training before completion of training
Experience riding and observation with 8 CPCSC drivers
Experience driving 8 routes while observed by CPCSC drivers
A satisfactory final evaluation

Additionally, all Transportation employees undergo the following annually:
Pass an evaluation
Pass a physical exam and undergo random drug and alcohol testing
Attend monthly Safety Meetings
Attend a class during the summer through the state to update the drivers on laws, regulations, and standards