

Becoming a school bus driver

Original school bus driver requirements: Original school bus classroom 100% attendance and approximately 30 hours.

Behind-the-wheel training is approximately 30 hours of controlling the vehicle's movement. Pre-trip training is approximately 15 hours.

1. DMV permit

- a. Complete your Federal DOT medical. Ensure you have filled out every section, and keep all pages together for submission to the DMV.
- b. Collect your birth certificate, social security card, and 2 proofs of residency. (If your name has changed and is different from your birth certificate, you must bring legal documents to support the name change.
- c. Set up an appointment at DMV (1530 Hilton Head Rd. #105, El Cajon, CA. 92019, (619)456-6850, (916)827-7944.
- d. Go to the DMV online and fill out the CDL application. Make sure you mark the school bus driver section. Once you have your appointment, you will pay the \$98.00 fee and begin taking the written tests.
- e. Once you have passed all your tests (CDL B, Air brake test, Passenger test) they will give you a 6-month permit.

2. CHP testing (No restrooms available for applicants)

Make an appointment with your instructor for your CHP written test.

- a. Fill out Form 295 of the CHP application for the special certificate in its entirety.
- b. Have a copy of your medical with all pages to give to CHP.
- c. DMV driving record(K-4 you can obtain online.
- d. Copy of your permit
- e. T01 for at least the classroom hours
- f. Copy of your License
- g. Arrive at 1722 E. Main St., El Cajon, CA 92021 at the scheduled appointment time. Have all the above documents to give to the CHP coordinator. Have a check or Cash \$57.00. No electronic payment accepted and no change on hand.
- h. You will take both the rules and regs test and a First aid test.

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3. Behind-the-wheel training

- a. Once you start the behind-the-wheel training, we will go over all the steps in detail.
- b. When you finish all the training, your instructor will set up a driving test appointment with the CHP.
- c. Once you have passed your driving test with CHP, CHP will give you your temporary school bus certificate. You will need to go directly to the DMV and show them your temporary school bus certificate. At that time, they will turn your permit into a CDL License.
- d. Now you can drive a school bus and get paid as a school bus driver.

All information is the minimum requirement.