

Becoming a School Bus Driver

Driving a Monroe County school with passengers requires the following:

1. A Florida Commercial Driver's License Class B (air brakes) with P (passenger) and S (endorsements).
2. Completion of a 40-hour training program provided by the School District. (underlined below-District provides)
3. An initial drug and alcohol test and participation in the School District federally mandated random drug and alcohol testing program. (District provides)
4. A physical by a federally certified CDL Medical Examiner (Doctor or Physician's Assistant). (District provides)
5. Be a district employee or volunteers [Apply for a Substitute Bus Driver](#).

To obtain a CDL and/or endorsements to be completed within 4 months (120 days) of registration:

- ❖ Step 1: On your own:
 - Take and pass a course online (district pays and provides access)
 - Study CDL Handbook: [CDL Handbook Sections to Study](#)
[Florida CDL Handbook](#)
 - Pass Required Tests at DMV; separate exams as needed for CDL, B, P, and S endorsements
 - Take CDL Physical (district pays at selected Doctors)
 - Obtain CDL Driver Learner Permit from DMV
- ❖ Step 2: District provided 20 hours training on bus inspection and behind the wheel experience
- ❖ Step 3: Take and pass DMV road test (district pays for test)