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# HOW TO BECOME A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER IN OREGON

**Our Schools Need Your Help**



## BUS DRIVERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- ★ ESSENTIAL TO SCHOOL OPERATIONS.
- ★ SAFELY TRANSPORT STUDENTS.
- ★ CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

## LEARN MORE!

**Webpage:** <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/schools-and-districts/ptf/Pages/Pupil-Transportation.aspx>

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## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

**Please Note:** This process takes most people 2-4 weeks to complete.

**Step 1:** Apply through your local school district or school bus company.

- Initiate an FBI [fingerprinting process](#) and background check through your prospective employer.

**Step 2:** Pass a [drug and alcohol screening test](#). Get a [Commercial Learner's Permit \(CLP\)](#).

- Must pass a DMV CDL Class B written test.
- Must pass a DMV CDL Class B passenger endorsement written test.
- Must pass DMV CDL Class B school bus passenger endorsement test.
- Must pass DMV CDL Air Brake restriction test.

**Step 3:** Pass a [Department of Transportation physical](#) at a local Medical Examiner's office.

**Step 4:** Complete 15 hours of ODE's Behind the Wheel Training.

**Step 5:** Apply for certification and/or licensure.

- Pass a skills test through the DMV or a Third Party Examiner.
- Pass an Oregon Department of Education [driving and criminal record check](#) as part of the School Bus Driver Certificate application submitted by the employer.

**Now you are qualified for a School Bus Driver Certificate!**

