Bridger School District

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS 8123

Driver Training and Responsibility

Bus drivers shall observe all state statutes and administrative rules governing traffic safety and school bus operation. At the beginning of each school year, the District will provide each driver with a copy of the District's written rules for bus drivers and for student conduct on buses.

Each bus driver will meet the qualifications established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including possession of a valid Montana commercial driver's license (with a school bus "S" endorsement), receive ten (10) hours of in-service annually, and Department of Transportation-approved physician's certification that he or she is medically qualified for employment as a bus driver. The bus driver shall secure a valid standard first aid certificate from an authorized instructor and maintain a valid first aid certificate throughout employment as a bus driver. The bus driver must have five (5) years driving experience.

A teacher, coach, or other certified staff member assigned to accompany students on a bus will have primary responsibility for behavior of students in his or her charge. The bus driver has final authority and responsibility for the bus. The Superintendent will establish written procedures for bus drivers.

Legal Reference:	§ 20-10-103, MCA	School bus driver qualifications
	10.7.111, ARM	Qualification of Bus Drivers
	10.64.201, ARM	Drivers

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