

## Lewis Center for Educational Research

**BP 3542: SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS**

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**Revised:**

### Authority of School Bus Drivers

Students transported in a school bus shall be under the authority of, and responsible directly to, the driver of the bus. The driver shall be held responsible for the orderly conduct of the students while they are on the bus or being escorted across a street, highway, or road. A bus driver shall not require any student to leave the bus en route between home and school or other destinations.

(cf. [5131.1](#) - Bus Conduct)

### School Bus Drivers

The President or designee shall ensure that all school bus drivers employed by the organization comply, at a minimum, with the following requirements for the transportation of students:

1. Possession of a proper license issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.
2. Possession of a current school bus driver's certificate issued by the State Department of Motor Vehicles.
3. Possession of a current Red Cross First Aid Certificate or certified completion of the first aid test given by the California Highway Patrol.
4. Possession of a current medical certificate as required by law.

All bus drivers shall also be required to attend driver training programs mandated by law and shall be familiar with and adhere to organization policies and regulations relating to the transportation of students.

All school bus accidents shall be reported immediately to the California Highway Patrol, the organization, and the driver's employer (if other than organization). (13 CCR [1219](#))

All provisions in the 13 CCR, and in the California Vehicle Code relating to school bus operation and safety are hereby made part of this policy.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[39830-39842](#) School buses

[40080-40090.5](#) Training required to obtain or renew bus driver certificate

[45125.1](#) Criminal background checks for contractors

[56195.8](#) Training in installation of mobile seating devices

#### PENAL CODE

241.3 Assault against school bus driver

243.3 Battery against school bus driver

#### VEHICLE CODE

[1808.8](#) Dismissal for safety-related cause

[2570-2575](#) Transportation of students

[12517-12517.4](#) Certification requirements

[12522](#) First aid training for school bus drivers

[13376](#) Driver certificates; revocation or suspension; sex offense prosecution

[22112](#) School bus signals; roadway crossings

[25257](#) School bus; flashing light signal system

[25257.2](#) School bus used for transportation of developmentally disabled person

[34501.6](#) School buses; reduced visibility

[34508.5](#) Investigation of accidents

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[14103](#) Authority of the driver

[14104](#) School bus driver instructor

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 13

[1200-1228](#) General provisions, school bus regulations

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 49

[571.222](#) Federal motor vehicle safety standard #222

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov>

California Department of Motor Vehicles: <http://www.dmv.ca.gov>

California Department of Justice: <http://caag.state.ca.us>

