

EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER?



Driving a bus or working on one can be challenging at times, but it can also be rewarding. Here is what some of our employees have said about their experience:

- I thought I would be here a year or two and move on, but I've been here five years! I've loved every minute of it. *General Ed Driver*
- I love driving a school bus. It is hard at times, but you are only with the students a short time – you aren't with them for eight hours. And you have down time. You can go home, take a break, sip your coffee and put your feet up. Then you have them again for a short time and then you are off. *General Ed Driver*
- I love my job, I love my kids and I love my route. Driving a bus fits my personality. *SPED Driver*
- I love working with the children, but my favorite part is getting to know my coworkers. *General Ed Bus Attendant*

Driving a bus isn't for everyone, but if you think you might be interested in learning, you should apply online at www.mpark.net. We sincerely hope you will consider joining the award-winning team of professional drivers at Manassas Park City Schools.



Do you have a good driving record? Do you enjoy working with children? Being a school bus driver can be a very rewarding career. The time and effort it takes to obtain a CDL is well worth it and the knowledge and training you will receive will last a lifetime.

What are the steps to becoming a School Bus Driver?



1. You must pass four tests at DMV: General Knowledge, Air Brakes, School Buses and Transporting Passengers.
2. You must pass a telephone and in-person interview with the transportation director to see if you have what it takes: a professional attitude, the ability to stay focused and the patience required to drive a school bus.
3. You will spend two to three weeks in the classroom on DOE-mandated training as well as hands-on exercises to meet SPED training requirements.
4. Drivers will now begin the portion of behind-the-wheel training wherein each trainer works one-on-one to teach each trainee how the bus functions,

including identification of important parts and how to properly perform required DOT and DOE inspections. You will learn how to operate and maintain conventional and transit school buses, how to safely cross railroad tracks, parallel parking, backing, air brake systems, loading and unloading students, recognizing road signs, interpreting bridge height requirements, and responding to various emergency scenarios. These are just a few of the core skills that you will need to know to pass your third-party test, which is administered by DMV.

5. You must pass DMV's pre-trip and on-road test.
6. Once you have earned your Commercial Driver's License, you will begin on-the-job training and continue until the trainer and the director approve your final release to transport students.

Has it been years since you have studied for a test? *Let us help.*

Manassas Park offers *free* CDL preparation classes throughout the year for ***qualified*** individuals.

- You must be at least 21 with at least five years driving experience
- You must have a Virginia Driver's License and a safe driving record
- You must have a clean criminal record; no felonies
- You must be able to pass a DOT physical and drug test
- You must be able to read, write and comprehend English
- You must be able to commit to evening classes for the entire session

To find out when our next class is, call 703-361-5044.

Manassas Park City Schools has a team of trainers who do more than just meet the basic DOT and DOE requirements. They take the time to teach each individual driver every aspect of school bus operations and maintenance, student management and discipline and the policies and procedures required by state and federal laws and the City of Manassas Park.

For more information,
call (703) 361-5044 or
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We don't just turn out drivers;
we turn out professionals.