

Bigfork School District #38

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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Driver Training and Responsibility

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

Each bus driver shall meet the qualifications established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, including a valid Montana commercial driver's license and a Department of Transportation-approved physician's certification that he/she is medically qualified for employment as a bus driver. The bus driver shall also secure a valid standard first aid certificate from an authorized instructor within two (2) months after being employed and maintain a valid first aid certificate throughout employment as a bus driver. The bus driver must have five (5) years driving experience.

When a teacher, coach, or other certified staff member is assigned to accompany students on a bus, such person shall be primarily responsible for the behavior of the students in his/her charge. The bus driver shall have final authority and responsibility for the bus. The Superintendent shall 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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