

WHO'S BEHIND THE WHEEL OF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL BUS AND WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO THEY HAVE?

This is a question that many parents may have or even ask. In an effort to address this very important question, we thought it might be helpful to share what it takes to be a school bus driver. Beyond being able to see out the back of their head and being an expert at multitasking there are other requirements to be a school bus driver. The following are the minimum requirements that all Idaho school bus drivers must meet:

- Carry a Commercial Drivers License "CDL" with the proper endorsements which includes 1) Class B with air brakes 2) P-Passenger Endorsement 3) School Bus Endorsement.
- Have a current Department of Transportation (DOT) Physical.
- Have a clean driving record Motor Vehicle Records (MVR) Report.
- Must take and pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test and participate in continued DOT random testing.
- FBI background check, cleared through the Idaho Department of Education
- Complete an intensive school bus training curriculum. Hours of training will vary by district, but will usually average between 60-100 hours of training.