

# How to Become a Bus Driver

Must be 21 years of age or older

Must obtain a Class B Commercial Driver's License with a Passenger (P) and School Bus (S) Endorsement

Must have a clean driving record with no DUI

Cannot be Insulin dependent

## How To Apply

Register for an AIM account online at [aim.alsde.edu](http://aim.alsde.edu)

After all application qualifications are met you must attend a training class with a state school bus instructor

A CDL must be obtained before attending the training class.

## How To Obtain A "Class B" Commercial Driver's License

Pass 4 tests given at the license office (Study manuals are available at your local license office or online at [www.dps.alabama.gov](http://www.dps.alabama.gov)).

The 4 tests given are from sections 1-5 and 10.

1. General Knowledge
2. Passenger
3. Air Brakes
4. School Bus

## After Passing the CDL Test:

\*You will be given a learners permit until all training is complete

\*You must receive a minimum of 4 hours training from the transportation department bus instructor

\*Attend a 12 hour State Department of Education New Bus Driver Certification Class (3 days classroom, 1 day performance test)

Score at least 80% on written test given at the end of 12 hour instruction class.

Pass a three part performance test

1. Pre-Trip Inspection
2. Basic Control Skills Tests (backing)
3. Driving Skills Test

\*Must score at least 80% on driving skills test\*

### Required Documentation

1. A Class B CDL with Passenger and School Bus Endorsement
2. Copy of high school diploma, college diploma, or GED
3. Copy of Social Security Card
4. Alabama School Bus Driver Physical Examination Report

### Other Required Documentation

Obtain a background check at [www.aps.gemalto.com/al/index](http://www.aps.gemalto.com/al/index).

You can have this done at the UPS Store in Calera.

Please contact them before going @ 205/668-4822 or

205/688-4455. More information in substitute packet.

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### How To Keep An Alabama School Bus Driver Certification

In order to maintain their school bus driver certification, school bus drivers are required to participate in a 4-hour recertification class. These classes are scheduled in all school systems and are taught between January 1 and November 30 annually.

Drivers who fail to attend the required recertification class must return to a new driver class and be performance tested.

### Who To Contact

Anyone wishing to drive a school bus in Chilton County should contact the Kelly Cummings in Transportation Department at 205/280-2950 ext. 1.