



**PUEBLO OF LAGUNA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Vacancy Ann.: #22-2024

Opening Date: August 25, 2025
Closing Date: Open Until Filled - Ongoing
Position Title: Bus Drivers – Substitute for LES/LMS/DEC
Salary: Per Salary Schedule

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Under direction of the DEC Director, LMS or LES Principal, and/or Transportation Coordinator, the school bus driver provides safe bus transportation of Head Start and/or Laguna Middle/Elementary School children. The driver assures that each child is picked up and delivered on schedule and maintains orderly conduct on the bus. The driver follows proper procedures for operating the school bus, including performing the daily pre and post bus and equipment inspections. The bus driver completes all required reports for the LMS/LES and Head Start administration. Performs any other job-related duties requested by any person authorized to give instructions or assignments.

MINIMUM EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE & LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

Minimum high school diploma, GED or equivalent; or demonstrated basic literacy and math skills. Experience in a commercial or school environment in the operation of vans, school buses, or larger vehicles. Medical Examiners Certificate required. First Aid and CPR certification required.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

****Must also have a current and valid State of New Mexico Class B - CDL driver's license, be insurable, and no DWI convictions within the past five (5) years. Must pass a pre-employment drug/alcohol and background clearance check.**

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Visit our website at www.lagunaed.net; click on Employment for an application, job description and instructions.

Interested applicants may do the following:

- Email complete application packet with following required documents to humanresources@lagunaed.net:
 - LDoE Application – located on the LDoE website
 - Letter of Intent/Cover Letter
 - Resume
 - Copy of degree(s) and/or certificate(s)
 - 3 Letters of Recommendation - letters need to be dated one year to current (these letters can be sent to the HR email address)
- Or you may Mail your complete application packet with required documents to *Laguna Department of Education, ATTN: Human Resources, P.O. Box 207, Laguna, NM 87026.*

Pueblo of Laguna -- Department of Education

Job Description

Job Title: School Bus Driver
Department: Laguna Middle School/Laguna Elementary/Head Start Program
Reports To: Principal/Head Start Director or Transportation Coordinator
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt – School Year

SUMMARY

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Transports children to and from the Elementary/Middle School and/or Head Start centers.
- Performs a complete visual pre and post trip safety inspection of each bus driven on a daily basis.
- Operates the bus safely and efficiently according to state regulations.
- Maintains orderly conduct of the children/students.
- Provides safety for children/students while on the bus and when loading and unloading.
- Reports any needed repairs, and delivers bus to repair site.
- Keeps interior of bus clean daily, and exterior as needed.
- Records mileage and gas.
- Prepares and completes all required reports for the LES/LMS or Head Start Administration.
- Maintains good public relations with children, staff, parents and community.
- Assures first aid kit is fully stocked and accessible at all times.
- Assures prescribed bus route is followed and that children are released to authorized persons.
- Supervises the bus rider/monitor, if such position is assigned.
- Holds safety as a number one priority and demonstrates responsible behavior at all times.

MINOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attends, participates and completes all training activities as required.
- Other duties as requested.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Frequent in-person contact with children, parents, volunteers, and other elementary, middle school or Head Start staff regarding transportation issues.
- Daily contact with transportation coordinator regarding transportation issues such as scheduling, bus routes, maintenance/repair needs, etc.

- Occasional phone and in-person contact with bus maintenance crews regarding scheduled maintenance and repairs.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

May supervise bus monitor/rider.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

Minimum high school diploma, GED or equivalent; or demonstrated basic literacy and math skills. Experience in a commercial or school environment in the operation of vans, school buses, or larger vehicles.

SKILLS and ABILITIES REQUIRED

- Must be qualified to operate school buses in accordance with state law and the rules and regulations of the Department of Education.
- Ability to exercise good judgement with regard to children's safety, children/student behavior, and interaction with parents.
- Ability to maintain schedules while meeting individual needs of children and families.
- Valid Commercial Driver's License and driving record free of any moving violations within the last five years.
- Ability to pass annual school bus driver medical exam. Ability and willingness to comply with physical/health and safety standards for all required tasks.
- Ability and willingness to comply with all drug and alcohol screening and standards.
- Ability to work and communicate effectively with students, parents, and co-workers.
- Must be able to maintain a professional, customer service-oriented attitude at all times.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT and SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

None.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Valid and current New Mexico Commercial Driver's License, Class B. Medical Examiners Certificate required. First Aid and CPR certification required.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The employee must have the physical strength and coordination adequate to drive assigned school bus; must have the ability to visually assess driving and weather conditions, and to administer safety inspection of vehicle. Frequent lifting of up to 50 pounds; occasional bending and stooping.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The employee will drive school buses of various sizes and carrying a varying number of individuals, including children and adults. Rural conditions require driving on a variety road surfaces, which may include roads ranging from interstate highways to unimproved surfaces. Employee will be required to drive in all-weather conditions, excepting times of school delays or cancellation due to inclement weather. The noise level in the work environment is moderate.

This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. All duties and responsibilities are essential job functions and requirements and are subject to possible modification to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities. To perform this job successfully, the incumbent(s) will possess the skills, aptitudes, and abilities to perform each duty proficiently. The requirements listed in this document are the minimum levels of knowledge, skills, or abilities.

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