

# **HOW TO BECOME A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER?**

## **Basic Job Qualifications:**

- Must be at least 21 years of age
- Must have a valid Georgia Driver's License
- Must have a good driving record
- Must have proof of a current physical
- Must submit to a background check and drug test

## **Work Schedule:**

- Daily Split Shift: 4 hours daily
- Approximately 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **Each Applicant Must:**

1. Apply for a Temporary Instructional Permit for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Class B with a S & P Endorsement (S – School Bus/P – Passenger)

### **NOTE BEFORE APPLYING:**

- Get a School Bus Driver Waiver for Payment Form certified from the LC Board of Education Office.
  - Beginning July 1, 2006, all drivers applying for or renewing a CDL in Georgia must complete the Highway Watch Safety and Security Program (Department of Homeland Security), a mandatory safety awareness and anti-terrorism training program. After completing training, drivers will receive a Highway Watch Identification Card that they will need to present to the Georgia State Patrol Office when applying for an initial CDL or upon renewing their CDL. Visit the Highway Watch website at [www.highwaywatch.com](http://www.highwaywatch.com).
2. Obtain a copy of your 7 year Motor Vehicle Record.
  3. Submit completed Application for Employment as a School Bus Driver.

## **Applicant Training Program:**

Upon successfully obtaining a Temporary Permit CDL and submitting a completed Application of Employment for School Bus Driver, you will be notified to:

1. Complete a minimum of twelve(12) hours of classroom Driver & Pupil Safety Training.
2. Complete six(6) hours of driving without students.
3. Complete six(6) hours of driving with students.
4. Complete 8-12 hours of Behind the Wheel Training (3<sup>rd</sup> party testing)  
(From the start of this class, you have two(2) weeks to complete and pass the Final School Bus Drivers Test).

## **From this point, you are well on you way to becoming a Certified School Bus Driver!**

Upon successfully completing all training and passing all tests:

1. Obtain a Permanent CDL Class B with S & P Endorsement.
2. Submit copy of your Permanent CDL to the Long County Board of Education Office.

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