

BUS OR VAN DRIVER TRAINING

Background

In the interest of safety with respect to the transportation of students for school activities, the Superintendent expects school-administration approved drivers to meet or exceed standards described in Provincial Statutes.

The parent is the primary decision-maker in matters affecting individual students; that is, parents must ultimately decide whether or not they will send their child(ren) on a field trip or excursion by bus or other method of transport.

Procedures

1. For school activities involving students, every school-based administrator approved driver, whether staff member or volunteer, who operates a school bus with a seating capacity exceeding 24 passengers must meet the following criteria:
 - 1.1 Be in possession of a valid Class I or Class II Alberta Operator's License.
2. For school activities involving students, every school-based administrator approved driver, whether staff member or volunteer, who operates a Commercial bus with a seating capacity exceeding 24 passengers must be in possession of a valid Class I or Class II Alberta Operator's License.
3. For school activities involving the transportation of students, every school-based administrator approved driver, whether staff member or volunteer, who operates a Division or school owned vehicle must be in possession of a minimum of a valid Class IV Alberta Operator's License.
4. For field trips involving elementary or middle level students travelling on buses with a seating capacity exceeding 24 passengers, the driver shall not act in the dual capacity of supervisor and driver.
5. For trips involving high school students travelling by bus over 200 kilometers from their school with more than 23 students, a supervisor is required in addition to the driver.
6. For school activities involving students travelling by car, truck, or van, the driver, whether staff member or volunteer, must be approved by school-administration.