

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING VIDEOS & BOOKS

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The Montana Office of Public Instruction, Resource Center, has a small collection of bus driver training videos that can be checked out by Montana schools and transportation providers. For more information on how to check out these videos on a loan status or for a list of other training opportunities for Montana school bus drivers, see our web site at: <http://www.opi.mt.gov/PupilTransport/index.html>.

**To reserve tapes, contact Raelen Williard at (406) 444-2082
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VIDEO TITLES	APPROXIMATE LENGTH
Advanced Techniques for Special Ed Bus Drivers	19 minutes
Behind the Wheel: Precision Backing Conventional (Type C) Buses	28 minutes
Behind the Wheel: Precision Right & Left Turns Conventional Bus	46 minutes
Small Bus	46 minutes
Transit Bus)	46 minutes
Behind the Wheel: Pre-Trip Inspection Small Bus	46 minutes
Transit Bus	46 minutes
Behavior Management (2 Tapes) #2: Kids Are People, Too! #3: Don't Loose Your Touch	
Bus Discipline – A Positive Approach (4-tape set) Role of the Administrator	40 minutes
Role of the Driver	23 minutes
Role of the Teachers	26 minutes
Solving Persistent Problems	23 minutes
Bus Evacuation for Special Ed Bus Drivers	18 minutes
Bus Evacuation Drills for Students	10 minutes
Car Seats on School Buses: Safe Solutions for Transporting Children	20 minutes
Confidential Records: Training for School Bus Drivers	16 minutes
Evacuating a School Bus	20 minutes
<i>For You – The Veteran Driver, see Veteran Driver</i>	
Garrett Metal Detectors	
Growing Respect on Your Bus: Student Management Strategies For Preventing Bullying and Harassment	30 minutes
How to Control Extreme Behavior on the School Bus	20 minutes

If Buses Could Talk	18 minutes
Intervention Strategies for School Bus Drivers	19 minutes
Intervention Strategies for Special Ed Bus Drivers	20 minutes
Introduction to Special Ed Bus Driving Safety	18 minutes
Loading and Unloading	13 minutes
Minnesota School Bus Drivers Series	
#1: Emergency Procedures	20 minutes
Pre-Trip Inspection	25 minutes
#2: Fundamentals of Bus Driving	10 minutes
School Bus Driving Techniques	10 minutes
#3: Winter and Adverse Weather Conditions	15 minutes
Student Management	20 minutes
#4: Emergency Evacuation	15 minutes
Ghosts of Grade Crossing X	23 minutes
#5: Are You Reading Me	10 minutes
Children in Traffic.	15 minutes
#6: Freeway Driving-Making Critical Decisions	14 minutes
Sharing the Road with Big Trucks	18 minutes
#7: Looking Good	9 minutes
To Drive at Night	13 minutes
Necessary and Reasonable Force	
Operation Lifesaver: Decide Smart, Arrive Safe	18 minutes
Railroad Crossing Safety Training for School Bus Drivers	
Professional Bus Driver Series (7 tape set)	
#1: The Professional Bus Driver and Student Safety	20 minutes
#2: Establishing a Positive Environment on Your Bus	20 minutes
#3: Dealing with Severe Disruptions	20 minutes
#4: Engaging the Support of School Administrators	20 minutes
#5: The Role of the Bus Driver in Public Relations	20 minutes
#6: Establishing a Positive Attitude and Taking Care of Yourself	20 minutes
#7: Handling Students With Special Needs	20 minutes
Reducing School Bus Idling: a Key to a Healthier Ride	5 minutes
Safe Driving: A School Bus Driver's Series II	
Defensive Driving	10 minutes
Using Your Mirrors	10 minutes
Emergency Maneuvers	10 minutes
Safe School Bus Crossing Procedures	19 minutes
Safest Way Out: Emergency School Bus Evacuation	
General Drivers Version	16 minutes
Special Needs Drivers Version	16 minutes
General Student Education Version	12 minutes
Safety Awareness for School Bus Drivers	20 minutes
School Bus Drivers Positively in Control	13 minutes
Someone Who Made A Difference: the Key Role of Bus Attendants	16 minutes
Steering Clear of Liability: Training for School Bus Drivers	17 minutes

Veteran Driver – For You	26 minutes
Violence Prevention on a School Bus	21 minutes
Winter Driving for Your School Bus	18 minutes

BOOK TITLES

Dorn, Michael. *School/Law Enforcement Partnerships: a Guide to Police Work in Schools*. Dallas, TX, Ram Publishing Co., 2002.

Dorn, Michael. Weakfish: *Bullying Through the Eyes of a Child*. Safehavens International, 2003.

Driver In-service and Training Program

Effective August 16, 2002, all school bus drivers are required to complete 10 hours of continuing education annually. There are many ways to insure that a district is in compliance with the new requirements.

First of all, the district board and administration should understand and implement pupil transportation laws, regulations and policies. They must plan and conduct pupil safety education programs as needed. They must maintain adequate records and work to promote school bus safety and efficiencies. This will include planning and conducting a school bus driver-training program.

School bus transportation is an integral part of today's educational system. The school bus driver is expected to present a strong role model for children, as well as represent the school district before the public. When the driver is professional and knowledgeable, he/she will encourage social responsibility among the students. A quality driver-training program is critical to the success of a school transportation program.

A continuing education program for school bus drivers providing at least 10 hours of in-service training annually shall include but is not limited to training for: Pre- and post-trip inspections, passenger boarding and debarking procedures, driving skills, defensive driving, railroad safety, passenger management, safety and emergency procedures, and special needs sensitivity and awareness.

The spring Montana Association for Pupil Transportation conference provides at least 10 hours of driver training in many and various ways. The conference fee is probably the best bang for the buck that anyone could receive for this training.

Other options include the videos contained in the OPI Driver Training Library. The videos usually last about 12 to 24 minutes. Time spent watching and discussing the videos will count towards the 10 hours of annual training requirement.

For information regarding the Advanced Driver Training classes provided in Lewistown call David Huff at (406) 444-4396 or Fran Penner-Ray at (406) 444-4432. David's email address is dhuff@mt.gov and Fran's email address is fpenner-ray@mt.gov.

Documentation should be kept in a driver-training file or in each driver file as is appropriate for each school. Please do not send documentation to the OPI. We will look during school monitoring and/or audits by school auditors beginning in August of 2008. This training requirement applies to anyone that drives a school bus to and from school. There have been a lot of questions regarding the substitute drivers and how this requirement applies to them. Student safety is the important reason for this requirement. All school bus drivers are required to receive the 10 hours of annual training.