

## **Bus Driver Requirements**

Prospective employees must possess a class B or higher commercial driver's license with both a "P" passenger and "S" student endorsement to be eligible to attend a bus driver certification school. Certification schools are taught by personnel from the State Department of Education and consist of classroom instruction as well as behind-the-wheel time. Trainees are instructed in student management, pre-trip inspections, loading/unloading procedures, State/District regulations, and emergency procedures. Before a properly licensed/certified person can drive a school bus, he/she must pass a D.O.T. physical; a pre-employment drug/alcohol test administered by the district's contracting vendor and is fingerprinted so as to secure a background check on them. All school bus drivers attend a minimum of 4 hours safety-related in-service each school year as required by the State.