

## Interested in being a bus driver?

Many parents and retirees work as bus drivers.

The advantages are:

- Good wage per hour (over \$12.00),
- Off on the days your school age children are off,
- Schedules allow for free time during the day to run errands (after morning runs and before afternoon runs)
- Additional work available for those interested (field trips and athletic trips)
- If you have students in sports you can request work transporting their team to away games and be able to watch.
- We offer free training to get a class B, CDL with School Bus and Passenger endorsements.

We have a list of bus contractors and phone numbers on our web site and there are usually a few openings in different places around the county.

To be a bus driver requires the following:

1. A valid Commercial drivers license (minimum class A or B) with a Passenger and School Bus endorsement. Some bus contractors also require an air brake endorsement. Training is provided to get a class B license.
2. Pass a Yearly Department of Transportation (DOT) Drivers Physical
3. Have an acceptable motor vehicle record, which is reviewed by the Supervisor of Transportation yearly.
4. To be added to the Maryland Flag program for any traffic violations
5. Have a clean criminal record that has no record of or charges pending in relation to violent crimes, crimes against children, sexual offenses, offenses of moral turpitude related to the individual's fitness to transport children, controlled or dangerous substances abuse or sale of, and no driving under the influence of drugs.
6. Not have an alcohol related driving offense within the last ten years, subject to review by the Supervisor of Transportation.
7. Provide references and be able to deal with students in a firm, fair, and consistent basis and enforce the safety rules.
8. Pass a pre-employment drug screen
9. Be subject to random, post-accident, and reasonable suspicion drug and alcohol tests while employed as a bus driver.
10. Receive a minimum 9 hours of behind the wheel training.
11. Receive a minimum 9 hours of classroom instruction.
12. Complete 8 hours of First Aid within 6 months (**cost of the course is paid by CCPS and the class is offered within the county**).
13. Complete an 8-hour certified defensive driving course within 6 months (**cost of the course is paid by CCPS and the class is offered within the county**).
14. Complete a minimum of 6 hours of yearly, paid in-service training.