

School Bus Driver: CDL Preparation & Refresher Training DATA SHEET

Description: This school bus driver preparation and refresher training curriculum covers common classroom content necessary for school bus drivers to successfully pass a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) written test. This curriculum is also commonly used by districts, schools, and/or organizations to satisfy new driver, remediation, or in-service training requirements.

Duration: 14.5 Hours

Details: The curriculum is organized into 12 independent, self-paced, internet-based lessons and a final end-of-course test. Lesson information and objectives are listed below.

MSRP: \$217.50

Discounted Price: \$50.00

Lessons:

- Pre- and Post-trip Inspections
- Pretrip Air Brake Inspection
- Blind Spots/Danger Zones and Mirrors
- Pickup and Discharge Procedures
- Sound Driving Practices 1
- Sound Driving Practices 2
- Sound Driving Practices 3
- Backing and Turnabout Maneuvers
- Railroad Crossings
- Accident Procedures
- Emergency Evacuations
- Student Management
- End-of-Course Test

Patrick Willi
Director, School Training Solutions
850-475-4024



School Bus Driver: CDL Preparation & Refresher Training DATA SHEET

Pre- and Post-trip Inspections (1 Hour)

This lesson discusses the background of school bus safety and school bus design. It also details pre- and post-trip inspection procedures.

Objectives:

RECALL pretrip inspection procedures.

RECALL posttrip inspection procedures.

RECALL school bus maintenance procedures.

Pretrip Air Brake Inspection (1 Hour)

This lesson describes air brake components and discusses pretrip air brake inspection procedures.

Objectives:

IDENTIFY air brake components.

IDENTIFY pretrip inspection procedures.

Blind Spots/Danger Zones and Mirrors (1 Hour)

This lesson identifies blind spots and danger zones around a school bus and details the use of mirrors to eliminate these dangerous areas.

Objectives:

IDENTIFY blind spots and danger zones around a school bus.

RECALL mirror settings and usage.



School Bus Driver: CDL Preparation & Refresher Training DATA SHEET

Pickup and Discharge Procedures (1.5 Hour)

This lesson details the proper procedures for picking up and discharging passengers. Also discussed are bus mirror settings, blind spots, and techniques for transporting special needs students.

Objectives:

RECALL loading zone considerations.

IDENTIFY proper procedures for the safe pickup and discharge of passengers.

RECALL the 15-step procedure to be followed at bus stops.

RECALL procedures for transporting special needs students.

Sound Driving Practices 1 (1 Hour)

This lesson describes characteristics of a professional driver and discusses a variety of conditions that affect drivers and vehicle operation.

Objectives:

RECALL characteristics of a professional driver.

RECALL six conditions that can contribute to a preventable accident.

RECALL sound driving practices.



**School Bus Driver: CDL Preparation & Refresher Training
DATA SHEET**

Sound Driving Practices 2 (1 Hour)

This lesson discusses sound driving practices, including traffic control, steering techniques, turning movements, highway hypnosis, six-point vision scan procedure, night driving, and headlight etiquette.

Objectives:

RECALL functions of traffic control devices.

RECALL proper steering techniques.

RECALL proper turning movement.

IDENTIFY causes of highway hypnosis.

RECALL the six-point visual scan procedure.

RECALL sound driving practices.

Sound Driving Practices 3 (1.5 Hour)

This lesson discusses sound driving practices, including speed limits, following distances, passing, stopping, downshifting, and avoiding collisions.

Objectives:

RECALL guidelines regarding speed limits.

IDENTIFY defenses against surrounding vehicles.

RECALL rules for maintaining a safe following distance.

RECALL factors affecting stopping ability.

RECALL driving techniques for avoiding collisions.

RECALL sound driving practices.



**School Bus Driver: CDL Preparation & Refresher Training
DATA SHEET**

Backing and Turnabout Maneuvers (45 Min)

This lesson details the proper techniques for backing and making turnabout maneuvers. Also discussed are primary and secondary roadways and the use of student helpers.

Objectives:

IDENTIFY proper backing and turnabout maneuvers.

Railroad Crossings (1.5 Hour)

This lesson describes the proper procedures and restrictions for a school bus approaching and crossing a railroad track.

Objectives:

IDENTIFY types of railway markings.

RECALL the stopping ability of trains and school buses.

RECALL procedures for safely crossing railroad tracks.

Accident Procedures (1 Hour) This lesson discusses procedures to be followed by a bus driver at the scene of an accident.

Objectives:

IDENTIFY procedures to be followed by a school bus driver at the scene of an accident.

Emergency Evacuations (1.5 Hour)

This lesson discusses emergency and nonemergency evacuation policies and procedures for non-special needs and special needs passengers.

Objectives:

RECALL emergency evacuation procedures for non-special needs passengers.

RECALL emergency evacuation procedures for special needs passengers.



School Bus Driver: CDL Preparation & Refresher Training DATA SHEET

Student Management (45 Min)

This lesson discusses the functions of a discipline policy and details rules and procedures school bus passengers are expected to follow.

Objectives:

RECALL the functions of a discipline policy for school bus passengers and drivers

RECALL school bus passenger rules.

STS CDL Prep: End-of-Course Test (1 Hour)

This test will assess your understanding of the material presented in the CDL Prep and Refresher Training course.

