

California School Bus Certificate Training Requirements

1. Must be at least 18 years of age with valid driver's license.
2. Must successfully complete and pass the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) written test required to obtain a CDL instruction permit of the appropriate class and endorsement.
3. Must successfully complete at least 20 hours of classroom instruction in all twelve required units of study (District requires 40 hours).
4. Must successfully complete at least 20 hours of behind-the-wheel instruction in all six required skill levels and demonstrate competency in a final appraisal.
5. Must successfully complete and pass all required CHP written examinations on rules and regulations, and on first aid practices.
6. Must successfully complete and pass both the required vehicle pre-trip inspection and the driving test with CHP before the temporary certificate is issued by CHP.

The permanent driver's certificate is issued by the DMV only after the applicant has passed all tests and met all the other applicable provisions, including review of optional qualifications.