1. **How do I apply for the school bus driver training program?**

Call 213 580-2903 to register for a program orientation.

2. **Where is the Orientation going to be held?**

The Orientation will take place at the Los Angeles Unified School District (L.A. Unified) Transportation Services Division, located at 115 N. Beaudry Ave, Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

3. **Do I need to bring anything with me to the Orientation?**

Attendees **must** bring the following two items with them to the Orientation:

- A valid California driver’s license
- **A DMV H-6 driving record printout**

Attendees may also want to bring paper and a pen or pencil for taking notes.

**Please go to the DMV to get your H-6 printout and be prepared with $5 cash to pay for the printout. You must bring ALL pages of the DMV H-6 printout to the Orientation, including any blank pages. The last page must have the word "END" on it. Before leaving the DMV counter, make sure you have the CORRECT print out (H-6) and not K-4. **Documents printed from the internet will not be accepted. The printout cannot be dated more than 10 days prior to the date of the orientation date.**

4. **Is there a cost for the school bus driver training program?**

There is no cost or fee to participate in the program, but there are some expenses. There will be some expenses (under $200.00) that participants will need to cover.

5. **What are the eligibility requirements for the school bus driver training program?**

In order to be eligible for the academy, an individual must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Have a valid California driver’s license
- Have a safe driving history and provide a DMV H-6 driving record printout
- Attend an Orientation
- Take and pass a literacy test that will be administered during the Orientation
- Have the right to work in the United States
- Pass a background check
6. **What is the literacy test?**

The literacy test includes 35 questions covering both English and Math content. There are 20 questions covering reading comprehension and word definitions. There are also 15 questions covering addition, subtraction, calculating time, conversion of military time and mileage.

7. **How many spaces are in the school bus driver training program?**

There are 40 spaces in the program.

8. **What happens during and after the Orientation?**

During the Orientation, attendees will learn more details about the program, have an opportunity to ask questions, and take a literacy test. The literacy test will be scored during the Orientation and only attendees receiving a passing score will be eligible for the Academy.

After the orientation, up to 40 individuals will be selected for the program. In the weeks following the orientation, these individuals will take a physical exam and participate in a California Highway Patrol (CHP) background check.

9. **What does the California Highway Patrol (CHP) background check entail?**

The CHP background check involves providing past work history, if any, and being able to answer a few questions. The CHP will complete a live scan fingerprinting on site and candidates will need to provide a social security card, driver’s license and DMV H-6 printout.

10. **How will the 40 individuals be selected for the school bus driver training program?**

In order to be selected for the training, an individual must meet all of the eligibility requirements outlined in question 5.

11. **What happens if there are more than 40 individuals who meet the eligibility requirements?**

If there are more than 40 individuals who meet the eligibility requirements, candidates will be ranked based on a combination of their literacy test score and their interview results. The top 40 candidates will be accepted into the program and the remaining candidates will be placed on a waiting list. If demand is high, a second class may be added.

12. **Is there any type of special license needed to participate in the academy?**

In order to participate in the program, you must have a valid California Driver’s License. Upon successful completion of the training program, you will take a DMV test to obtain a Commercial Class
B license with a P for passenger endorsement and an S for school bus endorsements. This training program will prepare you for the DMV test.

13. **When and where will the training take place?**

There are two parts to the training, the in-class training and the behind-the-wheel training. The in-class training will take place and class will be about eight (8) hours each day. The behind-the-wheel training will be at various L.A. Unified bus lots across Los Angeles. We will try to assign you to the lot closest to your home. The behind-the-wheel training will be approximately six (6) hours each day and you will be training with an instructor and up to three (3) other students.

14. **How do I get hired by L.A. Unified as a bus driver?**

In order to get hired by L.A. Unified as a bus driver, you must first take and pass the School Bus Certificate test as well as a DWV test to obtain a Commercial Class B license with a P for passenger endorsement. The in-class and behind-the-wheel training offered will help prepare you for BOTH the School Bus Certificate test and the DMV test. You will complete an L.A. Unified Bus Driver application and get fingerprinted for an L.A. Unified background check. Upon successfully passing the School Bus Certificate test, the DMV test and the L.A. Unified background check, you will be eligible for hire to fill bus driver vacancies.

15. **What is the School Bus Certificate test and is there any additional information to help me study for this test other than the training that will be provided as part of the school bus driver training program?**

The School Bus Certificate test is a written test administered by the California Highway Patrol covering rules and regulations and basic first aid practices. The training provided from the Transportation Program will help you prepare for the test, (((but feel free to Google and search “school bus practice test” as some information will appear)))). We strongly encourage you to wait and receive information from the L.A. Unified instructor.

16. **When would I start working?**

You will begin working after successfully: 1) passing the School Bus Certificate test, 2) passing the DMV test, and 3) being cleared to work by L.A. Unified after a xxx.

17. **Where will I be working?**

Upon being hired as an L.A. Unified bus driver, you will be assigned to a bus route. It is unknown exactly what route you will be assigned, as it depends on the location of the vacancies. Generally, drivers begin their routes from either the Gardena, Business Services Division (Downtown), Sepulveda, Sun Valley, or Van Nuys bus lots.

18. **How many hours will I work a week and what are the hours?**
You will be hired as a **part-time bus driver** working 25 to 35 hours per week. You will typically work a morning shift from about 5:30 to 8:30 am and an afternoon shift from about 1:30 to 4:30 pm.

19. **How can I earn a college degree? What are the special District Programs?**

If you choose to, you will have an opportunity to enroll in a special District Program that will enable you to earn an Associate’s Degree **and** complete the lower division general education requirements for most CSU, UC and some private colleges and universities.

20. **Is there a cost for the special District Programs to earn a college degree?**

L.A. Unified provides district-paid tuition reimbursement for college. You will be required to initially pay the tuition for classes, but will receive reimbursement up to $600 per fiscal year from L.A. Unified after completing the classes. The District also has a program to earn a Bachelor’s Degree, but the tuition reimbursement does not cover the full tuition costs.

21. **Are there any full-time L.A. Unified Bus Driver opportunities?**

All school bus drivers begin as part time and through seniority can become full-time school bus drivers.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions that have not been addressed in this document, please call (213) 580-2903.**