

Start your New Career as a School Bus Driver

The San Diego Unified School District operates 1,438 routes on a daily basis. Our drivers are responsible to provide safe and efficient service to all our students.

Starting salary: \$20.46/hr. for full availability
\$19.48/hr. for half availability

Working Hours: Candidates must be available Monday through Friday for the same hours each day, during either a morning (5:00 am to 10:30 am) or afternoon period (11:00 am to 6:00 pm), or both.

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

- a. [Download and complete the application](#) and return it to Transportation Services.
- b. Come to Transportation Services and fill out the application in the lobby. Transportation Services, 4710 Cardin St. San Diego, CA 92111

2. After your application is reviewed you will be invited to an

Orientation. The orientation consists of a basic skills exam and a physical agility test, and a review of your driving record. If you are successful on each section you will be scheduled for the next training class. You will be instructed on what to bring to the orientation.

3. Start Classroom Training

You will receive instruction on how to get your CDL and School Bus Certificate. Once you pass the final exam you will be scheduled for behind-the-wheel training. Classroom instruction is 45 hours.

4. Behind-the-Wheel Training

You will be taught by our State-Certified Instructors on how to safely operate our vehicles. Once you complete your training you will be scheduled for testing with the CHP. BTW training is approx. 40 hours.

5. CHP Written Tests

You will be tested on Rules & Regulations and First Aid. You will have been taught all of this information during your classroom training. Once you pass both exams you will be scheduled for your CHP drive test.

6. CHP Drive Test

This is just what it sounds like. You get to drive a CHP officer around the city until he/she is satisfied that you can safely operate the school bus you are driving.

7. Your School Bus Certificate

If you successfully pass your drive test the Officer will hand you your temporary school bus certificate.

You are now a licensed school bus driver.

Once certified as a School Bus Driver, you may apply for a salaried and fully benefited position with paid holidays, sick leave and vacation.

Important Links

- [Substitute School Bus Driver Application](#)
- [Employment and Training Contacts](#)