



TRANSPORTATION PROFESSIONALS



"Being a bus driver is a big responsibility but it's a good experience because you get to meet different kids and you get to go to different places. It's never the same, it's different every day."

Loretta Vansickle
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What we do

Bus drivers are the people who make sure that students get to school and back home safely every day. They are the first school workers to greet students in the morning and the last to wave goodbye to them in the afternoon. Bus drivers are children's role models, teachers, mentors and friends. Even though bus drivers must keep their eyes on the children behind them and on the road ahead, their extensive training and the many vehicle safety features make the familiar yellow buses one of the safest forms of transportation.

INSIDER TIPS

FROM THE DRIVING PROS

- Teach children to ask the bus driver for help if they drop something near the bus. If children bend down to pick up something, the driver cannot see them.
- Tell your children not to cross back in front of the bus for something they left on the bus.
- Make sure students' clothing and backpacks don't have long, loose drawstrings or straps that might get caught on the doors of the bus.
- Make sure children get to the bus stop on time and wait for the bus away from the road.
- Instruct children to sit in the bus quietly and follow the driver's instructions at all times.

facts

about transportation professionals

- According to a National Safety Council report, school buses are 172 times safer than a family car, eight times safer than passenger trains, four times safer than transit and eight times safer than scheduled airlines.
- School bus drivers are required by law to receive more training than any other type of driver in California.
- School bus drivers receive training in student management and first aid, and their backgrounds are checked before they receive a license to drive a bus.
- School bus stops, as well as procedures to load and unload the students, are strictly regulated by state and federal laws.
- School bus drivers are regulated by hundreds of additional laws governing the operation and maintenance of a school bus.

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Essential Web sites

School transportation news: www.stnonline.com/stn/

National School Transportation Association:
www.yellowbuses.org

School bus resources and links: <http://busfan1.tripod.com/>

CSEA transportation page: www.csea.com/transportation/

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