

TRAINING YOU NEED*

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING

Meet the state of North Dakota's training requirements* with the NDSC's modular-based School Bus Driver Training.

Create Your Own Workshop

Keep your drivers engaged by bringing them new and relevant topics, each year! Mix and match any of the 12 customizable modules to create the perfect 3-hour workshop!

Is it time to update your drivers' Defensive Driving certificates?

Not a problem! We have certified instructors across the state.

*BUS DRIVER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

DPI requires all bus drivers to complete the 4-hour Defensive Driving Course every 5 years. Plus, in the state of ND, a minimum of 3 hours of bus driver training is required each year.

FOUR-HOUR SESSIONS

Defensive Driving Course, Basic*

Slippery Slope - Adverse Weather Driving Course

CUSTOMIZABLE MODULES

Module 1: Road Signs and Markings (30 minutes)

Module 2: Public Relations (30 minutes)

Module 3: Violence Prevention and Controlling Extreme Behavior (1.5 hours)

Module 4: First Aid for Bus Drivers (1 hour)

Module 5: Being a Professional School Bus Driver (1.5 hours)

Module 6: Traffic and Driver Safety (1 hour)

Module 7: Working with School Administrative Staff (30 minutes)

Module 8: Transporting Students with Emotional Disabilities (1 hour)

Module 9: Driver Fatigue (30 minutes)

Module 10: Being Involved in a Traffic Collision (30 minutes)

Module 11: Winter School Bus Safety (30 minutes)

Module 12: Controlling New Age Bullying (1 hour)

Module 13: Operation Lifesaver (1 hour)

Module 14: Night Driving (30 minutes)

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Training Descriptions

FOUR-HOUR SESSIONS

Defensive Driving Course, Basic

The course is a fast-paced, four-hour driver improvement program, developed by the National Safety Council, that offers practical strategies to reduce collision-related injuries, fatalities and costs. DDC addresses the importance of attitude in preventing collisions and reinforces the good driving skills you already have.

Slippery Slope - Adverse Weather Driving Course

This course makes a great refresher for experienced drivers and is an eye-opener for those who are new to North Dakota's roads. Slippery Slope covers THE DRIVER and how to reduce risk considering many situations; TOP FACTORS that cause crashes in bad weather; TYPES OF ROADS AND CONDITIONS and how weather affects them; and VEHICLE TYPES & WINTER PREPARATION for when bad weather strikes.

CUSTOMIZABLE MODULES

Module 1: Road Signs and Markings - 30 minutes

This module will inform drivers of all signs and markings on public roads. Drivers will learn what colors, instructions and symbols indicate, and their responsibilities for obeying the laws associated with each.

Module 2: Public Relations - 30 minutes

Drivers will learn the meaning of public relations, effective types of PR and why they are important to their job.

Module 3: Violence Prevention and Controlling Extreme Behavior - 1.5 hours

In this module, drivers will learn how to recognize potential problems, strategies for effective resolution, and how to maintain control of their bus. This module will also cover strategies for violence prevention.

Module 4: First Aid for Bus Drivers - 1 hour

School bus drivers must know what actions to take when a medical issue occurs on their bus. The module will give your drivers a general understanding of the types of medical issues that could occur on their school bus.

Module 5: Being a Professional School Bus Driver - 1.5 hours

Module topics include:

1. Personal responsibility for bus drivers
2. Tips for safe loading and unloading
3. Inspection and knowledge of your bus
4. Establishing rules on your bus
5. Your role as a student advocate for their personal safety.

Module 6: Traffic and Driver Safety - 1 hour

This module is great for both new drivers and veteran drivers. Drivers will learn the most important traffic safety issues affecting bus drivers, including driving tactics, distractions and aggressive drivers. Cornering and maneuvering tips will also be covered.

Module 7: Working with School Administrative

Staff - 30 minutes

In this module, your drivers will learn the importance of effective communication with school administrative staff and suggestions for maintaining a positive and successful relationship.

Module 8: Transporting Students with Emotional Disabilities

- 1 hour

Drivers will be introduced to suggestions for effective communication, loading and unloading, and responding to the challenges encountered with special needs children.

Module 9: Driver Fatigue - 30 minutes

Many bus crashes have been linked to drivers who were fatigued when operating their bus. This module will help drivers identify the signs of fatigue, how to avoid becoming fatigued and effective strategies for remaining alert and focused behind the wheel.

Module 10: Being Involved in a Traffic Collision - 30 minutes

During this module, your drivers will learn how to react and respond efficiently and properly if their bus should be involved in a collision. *Three critical topics will be covered:*

1. Passenger safety in a bus collision
2. Steps to take immediately following a collision
3. What drivers need to know about a police investigation

Module 11: Winter School Bus Safety - 30 minutes

Drivers will learn valuable techniques and safety operations for operating their bus in winter.

Module 12: Controlling New Age Bullying - 1 hour

The introduction of social media is changing the way students interact with each other. In many cases, these events are spilling over onto the school bus. Drivers will be educated on what they need to know to protect children on the bus from bullying and other harassment.

Module 13: Operation Lifesaver - 1 hour

Drivers will learn proper conduct at railroad crossings to ensure a safe crossing every time. Topics include: Signs and signals at crossings, how to respond to emergencies, and general safe driving practices.

(Classroom or individual online option available)

Module 14: Night Driving - 30 minutes

This module will give the driver an enhanced look at driving the school bus at night. The module covers the importance of pre-tripping the bus for night driving, understanding night blindness and night visibility techniques. Following distances, rate of closure and illumination of headlights are some of the MANY topics that will be covered in this important module.