

REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A CDL WITH “SB” ENDORSEMENT

Initial steps are as follows:

1. Obtain an eligibility report, as well as a 3 year driving history from DMV, \$12.00 fee, payable by you
2. Physical-drug testing – payable by District #223
3. Fingerprinted – payable by District #223
4. Attend an initial 8 hour bus driver training class required by the State of Illinois - \$4.00 fee payable by you
5. Pass 3 written test that must be taken at the DMV, there is a \$60.00 fee that reoccurs when you renew your license
 - a. CDL Core knowledge test
 - b. Passenger Endorsement
 - c. School bus test

Once you have completed and passed all of the above you will obtain a permit. You will then begin training for actual driving. You will need at least 20 hours of driving time before you will take a driving test at the DMV.

All of the above can take up to 6 weeks to complete, depending on the applicant. Drug and fingerprint results usually take 1 to 4 weeks. The 8 hour class schedule varies and may take place on a Saturday or 2 four nights during the week. The class may be located in Rockford, Grand Detour or as far as LaSalle.

Our employees first official work date is the first day they actually drive WITH students (when training with a permit it is illegal to drive with students on the bus). There is no pay for training, state required or actual driving. Once you are officially licensed the pay is \$12.50/hr and after a 90 working DAY probation period the pay increases to \$13.00. As a sub we cannot guarantee any hours, and the hours can range from 5 a week to 30 hours, depending on the sports season.

Our routes average 2 ½ hours per run, we have AM, Midday, and PM routes. There are many extracurricular trips available as well. All work is assigned by seniority and availability. The fall and spring seasons are the busiest time of the year.

Flexibility and reliability are essential traits related to this position. You must be available on a last minute notice.