

Title 7: Education

Part 3

Chapter 81: Transportation

Rule 81.3 In-Service Driver Training/Motor Vehicle Record Check

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SAFETY IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND REVIEW OF MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER RECORD FOR BUS DRIVERS, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 37-41-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE, 1972, AS AMENDED

School districts shall conduct bus driver in-service safety training with every school bus driver employed in the public schools of Mississippi. A minimum of four hours of bus driver safety training shall be conducted each semester. This training shall consist of, but not be limited to the following:

1. Loading and unloading procedures - at home and on campus
2. Compliance with all traffic laws
3. State/local policies
4. Pre/post-trip inspections and proper care and use of the school bus
5. Student management
6. Railroad crossing procedures
7. Proper bus evacuation drill procedures
8. Defensive Driving
9. Human Trafficking – Busing on the Lookout (BOTL)
<https://www.ago.state.ms.us/bethesolutionbus/>
10. Accident and other emergency procedures

The State Department of Education shall provide school districts as requested with ongoing technical assistance regarding training for school bus drivers.

In addition, school districts shall annually acquire from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Driver Services

Division, a certified copy of the motor vehicle record of all regular, substitute and replacement bus drivers. The school district shall maintain a current file of the motor vehicle record for all bus drivers. An individual driver record review shall be completed prior to any driver being assigned a school bus for the purpose of transporting pupils.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann. § 37-1-3, § 37-41-1 (Revised 7/2023)*