

Chapter 81: Transportation

Rule 81.3 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 be required to conduct bus driver 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 - at home and on campus
2. Compliance with all traffic laws
3. State/local policies
4. Proper care and use of the school bus
5. Proper discipline procedures
6. Railroad crossings
7. Proper bus evacuation drill procedures
8. Defensive Driving

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 Education, Division of Transportation, or 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 (Revised 3/2012)*