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FEDERAL

U.S. Department of Education (DOE)

Program: *Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment on Our Nation's School Buses*

Audience: school transportation teams including directors, drivers, support staff, etc.

Format: presentation PowerPoint slides and handouts.

Topics: 1. See Something. Do Something: Intervening in Bullying Behavior and 2. Creating a Supportive Bus Climate: Preventing Bullying.

Presenters: local school social worker and transportation director.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free**.

Link: <https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/events/conferences-learning-events/creating-safe-and-respectful-environment-our-nations-school-buses>

U.S. DHS Transportation Safety Administration (TSA)

Program: *First Observer PlusTM* (44 minutes per module)

Audience: school bus drivers, local school transportation directors and teams.

Format: video recorded training, internet, individual self-paced.

Topics: these modules are suggested 1. surface transportation security, 2. mass transit and passenger rail, 3-1. Over-the-Road Bus, 3-2. School Bus, 3-4. Parking, and 3-10. Parking for Large Venues and Mass Gatherings.

Presenters: Program Security Training Advisor and HLS and Law Enforcement Advisor.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free**.

Link: <https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/firstobserver/training>

U.S. DHS Transportation Safety Administration (TSA)

Program: *Employee Guide To School Bus Security*

Audience: school bus drivers, local school transportation directors and teams.

Format: self-study.

Topics: identifying security threats and incidents, recommended procedures for employees, monitoring suspicious activities and items, responding to a security incident, collecting information, surrounding awareness, and vehicle inspections and area observations.

Presenters: self-study with a four page guide.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free**.

Link: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/school_bus_security.pdf

U.S. DOT Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Program: *Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)*

Note: ELDT compliance date *extended* to February 7, 2022, see link below for details.

Audience: school bus drivers.

Format: theory and behind-the-wheel (BTW).

Topics: per ELDT regulation.

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Presenter: a list is available on the TPR

Date: unique to each training provider.

Cost: cost varies; some may be free and some have a registration fee.

Link to FMCSA Training Provider Registry: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

Link to regulations: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license/entry-level-driver-training-eldt>

Link to register for ELDT updates: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) - **New**

Program: *School Bus Driver In-Service Curriculum* (6 hours total or by individual module)

Audience: school bus drivers and transportation professionals

Format: online and self-paced.

Topics: modules 1. Maintaining a Good Driver Attitude, 2. Vehicle Training Procedures to Drive, 3. Highway-Rail Grade Crossing, 4. Adverse Weather Conditions, 5. Knowing Your Route, 6. Student Management, 7. Loading and Unloading, 8. Transporting Students with Special Needs, 9. Transporting Infants and Toddlers (under the age of 5), and 10. Emergency Evacuation.

Presenter: NHTSA.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free**.

Certificate: yes. Individual certificates for completing each module or one certificate for completing the full 6 hour course.

Getting started instructions:

<https://www.napt.org/files/NHTSA%20School%20Bus%20Driver%20Curriculum%20Enrollment%20Instructions.pdf>

Instructions about how to register:

<https://www.napt.org/files/How%20to%20Access%20the%20School%20Bus%20Driver%20Detailed%20Enrollment.pdf>

Link to register: <https://tsi-dot.csod.com/selfreg/register.aspx?c=pts-nhtsa-rti-70>

You may register for the full course or individual modules.

Swift technical assistance: Rocky.Webling@dot.gov

U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Program: *School Bus Driver In-Service Safety Series*

Audience: school bus drivers.

Format: classroom or online.

Topics: by module are 1. Adverse Weather Conditions, 2. Driver Attitude, 3. Emergency Evacuation, 4. Highway Rail Grade Crossing, 5. Know Your Route, 6. Loading and Unloading, 7. Student Management, 8. Students with Special Needs, and 9. Vehicle Training.

Presenter: local transportation director and school resource officer.

Date: local transportation director delivers as needed.

Cost: **free**.

Link: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/school-buses/school-bus-driver-service-safety-series>

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U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Program: *Transporting Students With Special Needs* (5 hours 15 minutes)

Audience: school bus drivers and transportation personnel of students with special needs

Format: classroom or online.

Topics: by module Types of Disabilities and Behaviors, Team Communication Issues, Specialized Equipment, Loading and Unloading, and Emergency Situations.

Presenter: local school staff with expertise in special needs students and transportation.

Date: deliver as needed.

Cost: **free**.

Link: https://icsw.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/buses/UpdatedWeb/topic_9/

U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

Program: Message: *Keeping Kids Safe in School Zones and Bus Stops* (1 minute)

Audience: school transportation teams and school leadership.

Format: video.

Topic: illegal to pass a stopped school bus in all 50 states when red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended. A video message following the 2018 school bus crashes in Indiana, Florida, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi where children lost their lives or were injured on their way to school.

Presenter: U.S. DOT NHTSA Deputy Administrator.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free**.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7YyMncdWc4&feature=youtu.be>

U.S. DHS Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Programs: four (4) levels of incident command courses for transportation teams.

Audience: school transportation teams and school leadership.

Format: online, instruction, videos, quizzes, and final exam with certificate.

Topics: see below. Take courses in the order listed as the content of each course builds on information from the preceding courses.

Presenter: emergency management subject matter experts.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free**.

Links:

IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>

IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-200.c>

IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b>

IS-800.C: National Response Framework, An Introduction

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-800.d>

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NATIONAL

Busing On The Lookout

Program: *Truckers Against Trafficking*

Audience: local school transportation teams.

Format: online video (26 minutes).

Topic: overview of how to combat human trafficking; handout is available for School Bus, Drivers On The lookout To Combat Human Trafficking.

Presenter: National Human Trafficking Resource Center, FBI, Truckers Against Trafficking.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free.**

Link: <https://vimeo.com/21392891>

WICHITA Public Schools

Program: *Diversity and Inclusion*

Audience: school staff.

Format: slide show (21 slides).

Topic: provides a clear understanding of what diversity is and is not.

Presenter: self-study.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free.**

Link: <https://www.usd259.org/Page/18254>

University of Sussex

Program: *Unconscious Bias and Implicit Bias*

Audience: school staff.

Format: video (13 minutes).

Topic: how we can recognize unconscious and implicit biases and promote global diversity and inclusivity. We process a person's ethnicity, gender, age and disability before we even know we've done it. Unconscious bias is a term used to describe the associations that we hold which, despite being outside our conscious awareness, can have a significant influence on our attitudes and behaviors. Implicit bias, on the other hand, comprises those views and opinions that we may not be aware of. They are evaluations that are automatically triggered when we encounter different people or situations, and commonly function without a person's full awareness or control.

Presenter: self-study.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free.**

Link: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/education/cheer/researchprojects/rise/trainingmodule/toolkit/bias>

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Education Compliance Group

Program: *10 Tips for School Bus Drivers to Manage Some of the Most Common Distractions*

Audience: school transportation teams and school leadership.

Format: self-study.

Topics: turn it off, spread the word, pull over, establishing standards for student passengers, know your state laws and local policies, keep the kids safe, focus, and more.

Presenter: self-study with two page guide.

Date: available 24/7.

Cost: **free.**

Link: <http://www.educationcompliancegroup.com/resources.html#students>

National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT)

Program: *Professional Development Series (PDS)*

Audience: school bus drivers.

Format: instructor led, webinar style format, online.

Topics: variety of topics.

Presenter: different presenters for each topic.

Date: as published.

Cost: \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Certificate: available from NAPT.

Link to register: https://www.napt.org/calendar_list.asp

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Maine Department of Education (MDOE) Sponsored

Program: *Maine Regional School Transportation Safety Conferences*

Audience: school bus drivers.

Format: classroom and behind-the-wheel (BTW) sessions.

Topics: update annually.

Trainers: varies each year.

Certificate: yes.

Presenters: vary each year.

Date: typically occurs April and June annually.

Cost: **free** and includes lunch.

Contact: Maine Department of Education, call 624-6600.

Maine Department of Education (MDOE) Sponsored

Program: *Maine State School Transportation Safety Conference*

Audience: school transportation teams including mechanics, drivers, technicians, directors, etc.

Format: keynotes, classroom, and behind-the-wheel (BTW) sessions.

Topics: updated annually.

Trainers: variety of transportation and subject matter experts including Maine State Police.

Certificate: yes.

Presenters: vary each year.

Date: typically occurs in July annually.

Cost: to be determined.

Contact: Maine Department of Education, call 624-6600.