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Did you know? School buses in the United States are the safest vehicles on the road and one of the safest modes of transportation overall.

Did you know? According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), students are about 70 times more likely to get to school safely when taking a school bus instead of traveling by car. See NHTSA website for more statistics.

Did you know? California is the toughest state to obtain, maintain, and retain a Special Driver Certificate to drive a school bus which is issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. California has the strictest standards and toughest laws in regards to commercially licensed school bus drivers. Drivers must have a next to perfect driving record to even step foot into the initial training class. They must have a very good background and be fingerprinted and they must clear through the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Department of Justice (DOJ). They must be entered into a random drug and alcohol list where they can be pulled and tested at any time on any day for the span of their career. School bus drivers must complete a minimum of 20 hours in the classroom and 20 hours minimum of training behind the wheel. They must have a minimum of 10 hours of inservice training annually, birthday to birthday and then renew their special driver certificate every 5 years with the California Highway Patrol. This consists of 10 hours of classroom training and they

must take a written test and drive test which also includes showing the examining officer/coordinator a 30 minute pre-trip inspection of the vehicle.

Did you know? All new school buses purchased in California have required 3 point seat belts for every passenger since July 1, 2005.

Did you know? Due to the strict and tough rules and regulations for school bus drivers and the super tough reinforced construction under Federal Motor Carrier Safety Standards (FMVSS) California remains the safest state with no student fatalities inside a school bus in over 30 plus years.

Did you know? AUHSD is always looking for highly motivated individuals to become substitute bus drivers and eventually permanent drivers? We even offer training classes free of charge (some fees do apply for items needed to take the class).

<https://agency.governmentjobs.com/auhsd/default.cfm>

If you know anyone who is interested and would be a great school bus driver, please have them apply online through 12/16/19 or call the transportation department at 714-999-3540 for more information.

