

Bus Drivers

SOC: 53-3051 • Career Profile Report

■ Key Facts

\$48,370 Median Salary	546,100 Employment	+1.0% Growth Rate
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■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: High school diploma

■ Automation Risk Assessment

Medium Risk - 35.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.
This job has some routine elements but still requires human judgment and interaction.

■ Work-Life Balance

8.4/10 - Excellent work-life balance

■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	8.6/10	Investigative	4.4/10
Artistic	3.4/10	Social	5.8/10
Enterprising	4.8/10	Conventional	7.4/10

■ Top Skills Required

Customer-service skills, Dependability, Hand-eye coordination, Hearing ability, Patience, Physical health, Visual ability

✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

■ What They Do

Bus Drivers typically perform the following tasks:

- Comply with traffic regulations to operate vehicles in a safe and courteous manner.
- Follow safety rules as students board and exit buses or cross streets near bus stops.
- Check the condition of a vehicle's tires, brakes, windshield wipers, lights, oil, fuel, water, and safety equipment to ensure that everything is in working order.
- Report any bus malfunctions or needed repairs.
- Pick up and drop off students at regularly scheduled neighborhood locations, following strict time schedules.
- Drive gasoline, diesel, or electrically powered multi-passenger vehicles to transport students between neighborhoods, schools, and school activities.
- Maintain order among students during trips to ensure safety.
- Prepare and submit reports that may include the number of students or trips, hours worked, mileage, or fuel consumption.
- Maintain knowledge of first-aid procedures.
- Record bus routes.
- Report delays, accidents, or other traffic and transportation situations, using telephones or mobile two-way radios.
- Keep bus interiors clean for students.
- Read maps and follow written and verbal geographic directions.
- Regulate heating, lighting, and ventilation systems for student comfort.
- Report delinquent student behaviors to school administration.
- Escort small children across roads and highways.
- Make minor repairs to vehicles.

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