

## **GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

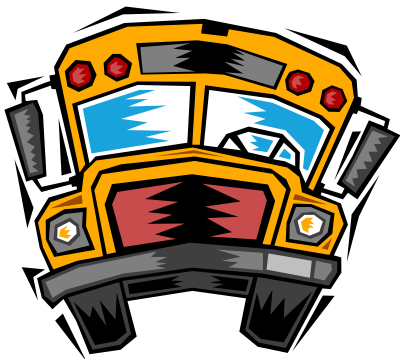
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Employment for bus drivers can be found throughout the United States and other countries. Many exist in metropolitan and suburban areas.

## **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:**

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- ❖ School bus drivers receive between 1 to 4 weeks of driver and classroom training given by the district in which they work for.
- ❖ Majority of intercity bus companies and local transit systems provide their employees with 2 to 8 weeks of in-class training as well as behind the wheel instruction.



## **Sources:**

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/print/ocos242.htm>

<http://dothr.ost.dot.gov/careers/busdriver.htm>

**IS THIS A POSSIBLE CAREER FOR YOU?**

## *Bus Driver*

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## NATURE OF WORK:

Bus drivers provide transportation for numerous types of people needing to go to different places, such as work, school, or just vacationing. Intercity bus drivers transport people between regions of a State or of the country; local transit bus drivers, within a metropolitan area or country; motorcoach drivers, on charter excursions and tours; and school busdrivers, to and from schools or related events.

## TRAINING & OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:

Qualifications and Standards are established by State and Federal regulations.

- **State regulations**

- Most states require that the driver be 18 years old to drive within State borders

- Some states require a background check

- School bus drivers are required to receive a Commercial Driver's License

- \* Contact local State motor vehicle administration

- \* Must pass a written test and demonstrate they can operate a bus safely

- **Federal regulations**

- Requires drivers to be at least 21 years old

- Pass a physical examination once every 2 years

- Drivers operating vehicles transporting 16 or more passengers, must obtain a Commercial Driver's License

The following characteristics are good to have:

- \* Courteous
- \* Even temperament
- \* Able to handle high stress situations
- \* Strong customer service and communication skills

## EDUCATION:

- ❖ Many employers prefer high school graduates

## JOB OUTLOOK:

Job opportunities in bus driving are expected to be plentiful for those looking. As the population of communities increase, so does the need for transportation to and from

schools, jobs, etc. Some may encounter competition throughout local transit and intercity bus driving positions, because of the higher pay and receiving regular hours and driving routes.

## EARNINGS:

