

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
Non-Competitive for School District Service Only
EEO Category: Service/Maintenance
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BUS DRIVER-FOOD SERVICE HELPER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The incumbent in this position is responsible for operating a bus in accordance with a schedule and for assistance in the preparation and service of food, and in the cleaning of kitchen equipment. The work is performed under direct supervision of the department head, immediate supervisor or other officials and under general supervision of the building principals. Supervision over the work of others is not a responsibility of employees in this class. The incumbent performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

Transports passengers while operating the bus in a safe and responsible manner;
Cleans interior and exterior of vehicle to maintain cleanliness and neatness;
Performs minor preventive maintenance or other maintenance activities, as required;
Keeps record of daily mileage, times, and incidents when operating vehicles;
Prepares and serves food trays, pours milk, juice, coffee or tea, and prepares toast;
Washes and dries dishes;
Cleans tables, chairs, serving tables, and other equipment in food service facility;
Serves food from steam tables;
Prepares desserts and salads;
Sets tables, waits on tables, and clears tables of soiled dishes;
Aids food preparation by cutting meat and vegetables;
Fills sugar bowls, and salt and pepper shakers;
Sweeps and mops floors in the kitchen area;
May assist in the unloading of food supplies, delivering paper supplies and groceries to using units, and disposal of trash.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of safe driving practices and traffic laws & regulations; ability to efficiently operate a bus under all driving conditions; Working knowledge of household cleaning supplies, equipment and procedures; working knowledge of kitchen techniques as applied to cooking, baking, serving foods, and caring for tableware, glassware, silver and appliances; ability to follow simple oral and written directions; ability to get along well with others; neatness.an understanding of the school environment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.

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ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: In accordance with New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 19-A, § 509-b. Qualifications of bus drivers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person shall be qualified to operate a bus only if such person:

1. is at least twenty-one years old (at least eighteen years old, with restrictions – no interstate commerce, cannot transport hazardous materials, and cannot operate a school bus);
2. has been issued a currently valid driver's license or permit which is valid for the operation of the bus in this state;
3. has passed the bus driver physical examination administered pursuant to regulations established by the commissioner; and
4. is not disqualified to drive a motor vehicle pursuant to section five hundred nine-c or any other provision of this article.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicants must be able to maintain eligibility and certification under New York State Department of Motor Vehicles Article 19A of the Vehicle and Traffic Law.
2. In required by agency, candidates will be required to complete or present proof of Basic First Aid and CPR courses during the probationary period following appointment.

NOTE: If an agency is having trouble in recruiting fully qualified drivers, i.e., individuals with a CDL, an agency may hire individuals with a CDL learner's permit and establish a formal, in-house training program geared toward preparing these drivers to take and to pass the road test to obtain the appropriate license. The training program must be successfully completed within six (6) months, and the appropriate license must be obtained before the individual drives a school bus with students or is assigned a regular bus route.

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