

**CLARKSVILLE-MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE  
JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Job Title: Bus Driver-  
Special Needs Students**

**Department: Transportation**

**Grade F  
H.P.D. 5  
D.P.Y. 191**

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**Date Reviewed: September 2011**

**Reports To: Transportation  
Manager**

**Purpose of Job**

The purpose of this job is to perform as a school Bus Driver-Special Needs within Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. Duties and responsibilities include safely transporting children (K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) to and from school and other school related activities; managing and disciplining students; maintain a safe and clean bus; monitoring vehicle performance; and turning vehicle in for repair as needed. Reports to the Transportation Manager.

**Essential Job Duties and Responsibilities**

**The following duties are normal for this job. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.**

Performs pre-trip inspection according to state standards before starting AM and PM routes to ensure that school bus is safe to transport students. Checks all communication equipment to ensure operating properly. Completes Daily Bus Form prior to each AM and PM run.

Sweep bus after each AM and PM run as required. Clean headlights, mirrors, and windshield daily. Check seats, windows and interior for damages. Secure bus after each AM and PM run by raising windows, draining air tanks, etc.

Prepares vehicle maintenance report for mechanical problems; turn bus into bus shop or repairs when mechanical problems arise.

Schedules student pick-up times with parent/care provider and prepares daily routes in case of student absentees.

Monitor vehicle mileage and turn into bus shop for 7,500 and 15,000-mile services.

Safely transport children to and from according to assigned bus route. Monitor students warning lights at all stops for proper working order. Continuously scan all mirrors before loading and unloading students at school and along roadways.

Operates wheel chair ramp and lift. Ensures that seatbelts, infant car seats and wheel chair tie-down equipment are clean and in good working order.

Teaches students safety procedures for loading, unloading and emergency evacuations.

Continuously scan all engine/equipment gauges to ensure safe operation of vehicle.

Maintains discipline and safe standards on school bus; teaches children regulations such as remaining seated at all times, no hanging out of window, etc.; prepares discipline reports as needed.

Fuels bus, adds oil, water, transmission fluids. Washes exterior of bus and cleans interior including windows, seats, roof hatches and floor for monthly bus inspection. Must take bus to assigned inspection site.

Prepares and maintains an up-to-date seating chart for bus. Prepares and maintains emergency data card on all students riding the bus. Prepares student injury reports for on board injuries. Prepares accident statement if school bus is involved in an accident.

Immediately notify your supervisor if you become insulin dependent or license are revoked or suspended.

Must have in possession when operating a school bus: proper license, DOT certificate, vehicle registration, Daily Bus Inspection Sheet and vehicle insurance information.

Responsible for turn in all required paperwork (Daily Bus Inspection form) no later than 9:30 AM on the first school day of the week following payday. All paperwork will be turned in to the employee's Lead Driver.

Must be able to effectively communicate in a professional manner, without causing a verbal or physical confrontation.

Must check interior of school bus after each AM and PM run for seat damage, items left behind and sleeping children.

Meet with parents, school administrator and transportation staff as required on discipline and transportation issues.

Prepares plotted maps with number of students per stop and student roster.

Washes outside and mops inside bus for monthly inspection; takes bus for yearly State Inspection.

Annually renews State In-Service Training for CDL and Clarksville-Montgomery County In-Service Training.

**Additional Job Functions**

Performs other duties as required.

**Minimum Training and Experience Required to Perform Essential Job Functions**

High School Diploma (or GED) required, with three to six months of school bus operation experience; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must possess a valid Tennessee Commercial Driver's License. Must be certified First Aid and CPR; and maintain certification.

**KNOWLEDGE OF JOB**

Has considerable knowledge of the policies, procedures, and activities of the School System, transportation and Special Needs practices as they pertain to the performance of duties relating to the job of Bus Driver-Special Needs Students. Has considerable knowledge of Special Education transportation practices as necessary in the completion of daily responsibilities. Knows how to develop and administer operations and staff plans and objectives for the expedience and effectiveness of specific duties of the department. Knows how to keep abreast of any changes in policy, methods, equipment needs, etc. as they pertain to departmental operations and activities. Is able to effectively communicate and interact with supervisors, members of the general public and all other groups involved in the activities of the department. Is able to assemble information and make written reports and documents in a concise, clear and effective manner. Has good organizational, human relations, and technical skills. Is able to use independent judgment and work with little direct supervision when necessary. Has the ability to comprehend, interpret, and apply regulations, procedures, and related information. Has comprehensive knowledge of the terminology, principles, and methods utilized within the department. Has the mathematical ability to handle required calculations.

**(ADA) MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Must be physically able to operate a school bus and bus lifts. Must be able to use body members to work, move or carry objects or materials. Must be able to exert up to one hundred pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to ten pounds of force frequently. Physical demand requirements are at levels of those for active work. Must be able to lift and/or carry weight of thirty to fifty pounds.

**DATA CONCEPTION:** Requires the ability to compare and or judge the readily observable functional, technical, structural, or compositional characteristics (whether similar to or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people, or things.

**INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION:** Requires the ability of speaking and/or signaling people to convey or exchange information. Includes giving assignments and/or directions to co-workers or assistants.

**LANGUAGE ABILITY:** Requires the ability to read a variety of informational documentation, directions, instructions, and methods and procedures related to the job of Bus Driver-Special Needs Students. Requires the ability to write reports with proper format, punctuation, spelling and grammar, using all parts of speech. Requires the ability to speak with and before others with poise, voice control, and confidence using correct English and a well-modulated voice.

**INTELLIGENCE:** Requires the ability to learn and understand complex principles and techniques; to make independent judgments in absence of supervision; to acquire knowledge of topics related to the job of Bus Driver-Special Needs Students.

**VERBAL APTITUDE:** Requires the ability to record and deliver information to supervisors and officials; to explain procedures and policies; and to follow verbal and written instructions, guidelines and objectives.

**NUMERICAL APTITUDE:** Requires the ability to utilize mathematical formulas; add and subtract totals; multiply and divide; determine percentages; determine time and weight.

**FORM/SPATIAL APTITUDE:** Requires the ability to inspect items for proper length, width, and shape, visually.

**MOTOR COORDINATION:** Requires the ability to coordinate hands and eyes in using bus lifts, wheelchairs a school bus.

**MANUAL DEXTERITY:** Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, office equipment, control knobs, switches, etc. Must have the ability to use one hand for twisting or turning motion while coordinating other hand with different activities. Must have above average levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

**COLOR DISCRIMINATION:** Requires the ability to differentiate colors and shades of color.

**INTERPERSONAL TEMPERAMENT:** Requires the ability to deal with people (i.e. staff, supervisors, general public, and officials) beyond giving and receiving instructions such as in interpreting departmental policies and procedures. Must be adaptable to performing under considerable stress when confronted with an emergency related to the job of Bus Driver-Special Needs Students.

**PHYSICAL COMMUNICATION:** Requires the ability to talk and/or hear: (talking - expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words). (Hearing - perceiving nature of sounds by ear).

**ATTENDANCE:** A regular and dependable level of attendance is an essential function for this position.

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**Employee's Signature**

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**Supervisor's Signature**

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