



# Explore a Career as a **BUS DRIVER**

## What does a Bus Driver do?

Bus drivers are a key factor in a city's transit system or a school district's transportation system. They are responsible for transporting the general public or students from one place to another. Some drive regular routes, and others transport passengers on chartered trips or sightseeing tours. They drive a range of vehicles, from 15-passenger buses to 60-foot articulated buses (with two connected sections) that can carry more than 100 passengers. Bus drivers have the primary responsibility of ensuring the safety and welfare of passengers during transportation. They often arrange for and ensure completion of routine maintenance. Overall, passengers rely on bus drivers for safe and dependable transportation.

## Bus Drivers are in demand in Kankakee County!

Kankakee County employment of bus drivers is expected to grow through the year 2020.

## Training & Educational Opportunities

You will have many employment opportunities as a bus driver, but first you will need to earn a certificate. Bus drivers often need to be certified in first aid and CPR. A bus driver must possess a clean driving record and often may be required to pass a background check. They also must meet physical, hearing and vision requirements.

## As a Bus Driver you will:

- Ensure the safety and well-being of all passengers
- Follow all road and safety regulations
- In case of accidents and emergencies evacuate passengers according to written and practiced procedures
- Routinely inventory bus emergency and first aid supplies and equipment
- Transport passengers on scheduled service

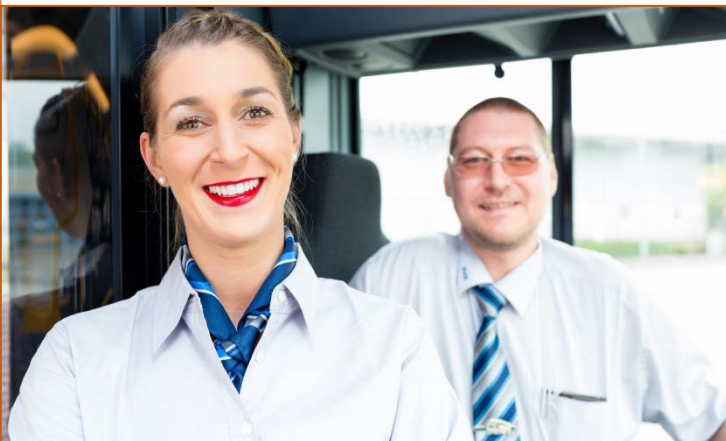
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## Training Provider

The following certified training provider offers programs and certifications to train for a career as a bus driver:

- Progressive Truck Driving School

Career scholarships may be available if you qualify.



## Types of Employers

There are many different types of employers of bus drivers in Kankakee County, including:

- City transportation authorities
- Private transportation companies
- School districts
- Tour bus companies



## Wages & Openings

### Bus Driver Employment Data for Kankakee County

Average Starting Hourly Wage	\$16.95
Average Hourly Wage With Experience	\$41.16
Average Annual Job Openings Kankakee County	~10
Average Annual Job Openings Chicago Metro	1,359

## Opportunities

Opportunities for specialization and advancement for bus drivers include higher pay and more responsibilities. Some opportunities include:

- Bus Supervision Manager
- Bus Operations Manager
- Charter Bus Driver
- Dispatcher
- Paratransit Driver
- Safety Manager
- Supervisor
- Transportation Manager



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