Requirements of Commercial Driver's License (CDL) for a New School Bus Driver 8/1/2025

1. Complete the local application.
2. FBI and BCII Checks.....Get these done ASAP! Approximately $60-$70.
3. Entire Driving Record Check (BMV record check), done online by your employer.
4. Register with FMCSA for Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Check:

   https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Resource/Index/Registration-Driver-Instructions
5. Complete the Pre-Service Classroom Training, valid for 12 months. Cost is $150
6. Take Vision and Written Tests at Driver's License Exam Station:
   a. General Knowledge
   b. Air Brakes (if required)
   c. Transporting Passengers
   d. School Bus Test
7. Return to BMV to purchase Temporary Permit. Permit, valid for 12 months. Approx. $28.
8. Physical Exam (T8, not a DOT Physical) and Pre-Employment drug test (alcohol test optional).
9. Successfully complete the Pre-Service on-bus instruction **(12 hour minimum)** by a certified

   On-Bus-Instructor (OBI/Trainer).
10. Schedule CDL Test-Approx. $55-$200
    a. Pre-Trip
    b. Off Road Skills
    c. Road Test
11. Purchase CDL at BMV, Approx. $48
12. School District applies on-line for a Pre-Service Certificate. Valid for up to 6 years.
13. Receive **Annual** local driving certificate that is issued by Board of Education from supervisor.
14. Satisfy any other local policies or practices required by your local BOE or employer.
15. Keep all receipts, photocopy your new license and store in a safe place!!!!!!!!!
16. After the issuance of a PreService Certificate the driver must "Ride and Drive"
17. BOE Approval