

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RULES AND REGULATIONS EXAMINATION, SUBJECT MATTER AREAS OF MOST DIFFICULTY

The California Highway Patrol has conducted an analysis of school bus driver rules and regulations examinations. The analysis revealed that applicants who have taken the examinations demonstrated the most difficulty when answering questions covering the following subject matters:

- State Agency Responsibilities
- Driver Hours-of-Service
- Placement of Road Reflectors
- Visual Lead Time and Defensive Driving Practices
- Fire Extinguisher in a School Bus
- Use of Four-Way Hazard Lights
- Use of Interior Lights in a School Bus
- Use of the Amber and Red Warning Light System on a School Bus and Pupil Escorting Requirements
- Driver Authority to Discontinue Driving
- Backing of a School Bus
- Criteria for Cancellation, Suspension, and Revocation of a California Special Driver Certificate, DL-45

The California Highway Patrol encourages all school bus driver instructors to ensure the above subject matters are covered during the training of original or renewal school bus drivers. Studying only these areas will not guarantee successful completion of the examination. Instructors must cover all the instructional material required by the California Education Code.

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