

Would you like to earn up to **\$17,000** a school year? Become a Bus Driver!! We are always looking for good people who care about kids and their safety. Our bus drivers start out at \$17.45 an hour with 9 paid holidays and 5 sick days per school year.

Requirements for School Bus Driver are:

- 1) **CDL – with Passenger and Student Endorsements**
- 2) **Federal and State Background Check**
- 3) **Pre-employment Physical**
- 4) **Drug Test**
- 5) **24 hours of on bus training without passengers**

Our drivers are required to have 3 hours of state and 2 hours of district training each year.

If you are interested in driving for the Benton Public Schools Transportation Department please contact :

Danny Revis

Transportation Director – Benton Schools

501-860-8627 Or 501-776-5706



Bus discipline issues will be handled by the Director of Transportation, Danny Revis. Please go to the Benton Schools web site and look up the link related to *Levels of Conduct Behavior Offenses and Consequences*. If you have any questions please call 501-776-5706

- The Benton School District has a **2 Mile Walk Zone**. This means if you live within 2 miles from the nearest elementary school (EVEN if you do not have a child in an elementary grade level) you will need to find a way for your child to get to that elementary school. From there the student can be transferred to their designated school. Over 90% of school districts in Saline County have a **2-Mile Walk Zone**.
- Your child's bus driver will give each family a **Transportation Regulations** packet. Please read through entire packet and fill out back page and return completed form to the bus driver within 2 weeks.
- There must be someone at home to receive a **kindergarten student** in the **afternoons** or the student will be taken to the Benton Transportation Department. 411 South Market Street. If the student is not picked up by 5:30 p.m. the police will be contacted.
- Please have your child out at the bus stop 5-10 minutes early. If we have to wait one extra minute at every stop then we will be 15-20 minutes late for school. Thank you for your cooperation in this.
- While in the school zones please yield and allow buses out of loading and unloading areas. You may have 4-5 kids in your car but bus drivers have 50+ active kids to take care of. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

BENTON SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION:

- **Why are school buses yellow?** Yellow and the yellow family of colors, get your attention faster than any other color. People notice yellow objects **first!**
- Every school day, some **450,000 school buses** transport more than **24 million children** to and from schools and school-related activities. This makes school buses the **largest mass transit program** in the U.S.
- **Running a flashing red school bus stop sign** is extremely dangerous! Upon conviction this misdemeanor carries a fine from \$250-\$1000, 400 hours of community service and suspension of license for no less than 21 days.
- **Half of the children** struck by vehicles near schools are hit by **parents driving their children to school**.