

School Bus Driver Shortage Persists

In an effort to combat a continued bus driver shortage impacting schools across Sussex County, Sussex County Community College offers CDL Training through its Truck Driver Training course. The four-week course starts every Monday and is held Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-4:30 pm at Sussex County Community College and includes everything needed to earn a CDL license.

After successful completion of the four-week course, participants will take the New Jersey MVC administered Class A test and receive a New Jersey (or resident state) Commercial Driver's License. For more information call 973-300-2132.

In addition, the Morris/Sussex/Warren Workforce Investment Board (WIB), located in Morristown, NJ, offers funding assistance through its Employment Training Service to cover the costs associated with receiving a CDL license, if qualified. The Morris/Sussex /Warren WIB can be reached at 973-829-8661.

Several area schools are currently accepting applications for Part-time/Substitute bus drivers. All applicants must be fingerprinted through MorphoTrust, or be eligible to archive their criminal history record check. In addition to a criminal history background check, new substitute bus drivers must pass a driving test administered by the Head Bus Driver, and possess a valid Class B CDL license with P (passenger) and S (school bus) endorsements, a current physical examination report performed by a physician listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners, and have an excellent driving record.

A bus driver career could be the ideal job for you. Check with your local school district today to see if there might be a position for you or if the school might assist in helping you to become a licensed CDL bus driver. What better way than to start a rewarding career while making a difference in the lives of so many children in our county.