

Making a Team

How Drivers & Aides: **SHOULD WORK TOGETHER**

See the   Person   Not the Disability

What the TEAM needs to KNOW

Special Needs **Bus Driver**

- Roles & Responsibilities

- 1.) Understanding Disabilities & Student Needs

Individual Education Program (IEP)

Special Needs **Bus Monitor**

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Up Front UNDERSTANDING

- The Driver is ALWAYS in Charge



Roles and Responsibilities

Special Needs Driver

- Operate Various Equipment
- Manage Student Behavior
- Administer Health Care
- Active Listening Skills
- Instructing Skills
- Speaking Skills
- Facial Expression Skills
- Laws & Regulation, Local BOE Policy

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Pre-Trip Inspection

Is the Drivers Responsibility

Pre- Trip for School Bus Monitor

1. Equipment (restraints, lift, cutter, etc.)
2. Supplies (wipes, body fluid, etc.)
3. Paper work



Basic Skills while in Route

Special Needs Driver

Additional Techniques

- Position self as a student
- Student Management
- Stopping (looking ahead & anticipating)
- Turning (Slow and not sharp)

Special Needs Monitor

- Position self as a student
- Student Management

Loading & Unloading Procedures

Driver:

- 1.) Is in control of all safety!
- 2.) Is to help!
- 3.) Stay on the bus.

Monitor:

- 1.) Care of student!
- 2.) Paper work!
- 3.) Wheelchair lift.
- 4.) Escort student to location.



Encourage

Safety, Danger Zones, Handrails, & Seat Belts!!!

EMERGENCY PREP

1.) Know your BUS

- A.) Know how to operate radio
- B.) Know your location
- C.) How to activate Hazard Lights
- D.) Location & Use of Triangle Reflectors
- E.) Location & Use of Box Cutters
- F.) Emergency Exits

EVACUATION PLAN IS A MUST!!!



Types of Emergencies

- 1.) Collision
- 2.) Fire
- 3.) Breakdown
- 4.) Disable Driver

Additional Safety Issues Procedures & Practices

- First Aid
- Protect Self and others from Bloodborne Pathogens
- Personal Health
- Parent No Show
- Always follow Policies & Procedures
- Create Relationships
- Take time to learn about each student
- Know your Roles & Responsibilities

Special Needs Driver & Monitor

- **COMMUNICATION**
 - a.) Each Other
 - b.) Transportation Director
 - c.) Parents
 - d.) Students
 - e.) School Staff

What makes a Strong Team?

Tender Love & Care

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