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3 **NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**

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5 Driver Training and Responsibility

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7 Bus drivers shall observe all state statutes and administrative rules governing traffic safety and school bus operation.
8 At the beginning of each school year, the District will provide each driver with a copy of the District's written rules
9 for bus drivers and for student conduct on buses.

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11 School bus drivers must hold a valid Montana school bus certificate in order for a district to receive state
12 reimbursement for that driver's bus routes. Qualifications for bus drivers are prescribed by 20-10.103, MCA, and by
13 the board of Public Education in Arm 10.64.201. The first aid certificate required by ARM 10.64.201 must include
14 certification in CPR, be signed by a certified instructor, and be received after an initial in-person training of at least
15 four hours with annual renewals.

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17 A school bus driver is prohibited from operating a school bus while using a cellular phone, including hands free
18 cellular phone devices, except:

- 19 (1) During an emergency situation;
- 20 (2) To call for assistance if there is a mechanical breakdown or other mechanical
21 problem;
- 22 (3) When the school bus is parked.

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24 A driver may not operate a school bus without a valid, current certificate.

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26 A teacher, coach, or other certified staff member assigned to accompany students on a bus will have primary
27 responsibility for behavior of students in his or her charge. The bus driver has final authority and responsibility for
28 the bus. The Superintendent will establish written procedures for bus drivers.

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32 Legal Reference: § 20-10-103, MCA School bus driver qualifications
33 10.7.111, ARM Bus Drivers
34 Certification Requirement for
35 Reimbursement
36 10.64.201, ARM School Bus Driver Qualifications
37 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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