

1 **Charlo Public School District**

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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  
8 school bus operation. At the beginning of each school year, the District will provide each driver  
9 with a copy of the District's written rules 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  
12 receive state reimbursement for that driver's bus routes. Qualifications for bus drivers are  
13 prescribed by 20-10.103, MCA, and by the board of Public Education in ARM 10.64.201. The  
14 first aid certificate required by ARM 10.64.201 must include certification in CPR, be signed by a  
15 certified instructor, and be received after an initial in-person training of at least four hours with  
16 annual renewals.

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

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

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

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

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

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