



From Boots to Buses



Boots to Bus Drivers is an initiative of the West Virginia Department of Education, in partnership with Operation Welcome Home and the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance, that connects retired and transitioning active-duty military service members with the training they need for a career as a school bus operator. The program is designed to not only provide full funding for training and CDL fees, but also help with the successful transition back into civilian life.

The employing county will provide training to the applicant that includes 40 hours of classroom and 12 hours of behind the wheel training, including 2 hours of night driving. At some point during this training, applicants will be required to:

- Complete and pass a DOT physical exam;
- Be certified in CPR and first aid;
- Have a CDL with a P and S endorsement;
- Complete and pass a drug/alcohol test;
- Submit to a criminal background check;
- Pass an online certification test after they have completed 52 hours of bus operator training; and
- Pass a skills and performance test after they have completed 52 hours of bus operator training.

Training Sites

**James Rumsey
Technical Institute**
Berkeley County
304.754.7925

**Fred W. Eberle
Technical Center**
Upshur County
304.472.1259

**Boone Career
and Technical Center**
Boone County
304.369.3692

**John D. Rockefeller IV
Career Center**
Hancock County
304.564.3337

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