



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

Jacob's Law Information Sheet



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Effective July 1, 2006, the following vehicles and licenses will be required to transport preprimary, primary, or secondary school students to or from school, school-related activities, or child care.

Type of Facility	Type of Vehicle required effective July 1, 2006	# of Passengers	
		Rated for 10 to 15	Rated for 16 or more
		Class CDL required	
DAY CARE	School Bus* (any size)	No CDL required, driver will need US DOT Medical Card	CDL with a passenger endorsement required, either a Class B or Class C depending upon the GVWR of the vehicle
CHURCH without Daycare	No School Bus Required	No CDL required	CDL with a passenger endorsement required, either a Class B or Class C depending upon the GVWR of the vehicle
CHURCH with Daycare	School Bus* (any size)	No CDL required, driver will need US DOT Medical Card	CDL with a passenger endorsement required, either a Class B or Class C depending upon the GVWR of the vehicle
SCHOOL (Public or Private)	School Bus* (any size)	No CDL required, driver will need US DOT Medical Card	CDL with a passenger endorsement required, either a Class B or Class C depending upon the GVWR of the vehicle

*A School Bus is identified by the manufacturer's label located inside the vehicle. The label should have a classification or vehicle type which would indicate school bus. That is, the label must indicate that the vehicle meets federal school bus standards.

Comparison of Vehicles		
	Small School Bus	Large Passenger Van
Capacity	10 to 30	15
Crashworthiness (Joint Strength and Roof Rollover)	Yes *	No
High Backed Padded Seats	Yes*	No
Seat Belts	No	Yes*
Cost	\$26,000 to \$36,000	\$22,000 to \$25,000
License Required	Commercial driver's license for buses designed to hold 16 people or more.	Regular driver's license.
Widely Used By	Head Start, private schools, public schools for special-needs students.	Day cares, YMCAs, YMCAs, other youth programs.

* Federal Standard

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration