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### Bus Drivers Needed: ECSD offering up to \$3,000 in signing bonuses

**ELKO, NEV., 7, July 2021**— The Elko County School District has a shortage of full-time and part-time bus drivers.

Currently, the school district is seeking 11 new bus drivers and one mechanic and recruiting for these positions during the summer months. Due to the critical need of drivers, the district is offering signing bonuses made possible from federal emergency COVID-19 relief funds.

According to the federal register, the district is able to use the funds for “activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of services in local education agencies, for example, to stabilize the workforce and avoid layoffs.”

[Seth Canning](#), the district’s transportation director, explained the district ran shorthanded last year but is hopeful to expand its department during the 2021-2022 school year.

“We need to expand because currently we are running busses at full capacity.”

District bus drivers are paid between \$18.44.00-\$21.47 per hour and are full time benefited employees who are eligible for Nevada's Public Employees' Retirement System.

While bus drivers are considered full-time employees, Canning said their work day is less than eight hours per day.

“Bus drivers can expect to work between 4-6 hours per day,” said Canning. “Typically, their work day runs from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. for mornings and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. for afternoons.”

Additionally, bus drivers work 190 days out of the year and receive pay through the summer.

Not only does the school district need full-time drivers, but there is also a demand for part-time drivers.

“Due to recent retirements including those of coaches, we also need bus drivers for traveling clubs and teams.”

Part-time drivers are paid at 18.44 per hour.

Part-time drivers are paid by mileage and hourly for the time they stand-by while students participate in their school activities.

The district is able to offer on-the-job CDL training and employs a staff member who can also administer the CDL test.

“New hires will still need to complete forty hours of training even if they hold a CDL, and new hires without CDLs can expect to complete about sixty hours of training.”

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a bus driver position, apply by visiting [ecsdnv.net/human-resources](http://ecsdnv.net/human-resources).

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