

Riverside Leadership Academy

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Join our team at Riverside Leadership Academy (RLA), where we are committed to fostering a nurturing environment that integrates Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Project-Based Learning (PBL) at the core of our educational philosophy. At RLA, we believe in empowering our students to become future-ready leaders through an innovative curriculum that emphasizes real-world applications and personal growth. Our approach to education is designed to develop not only academic skills but also emotional intelligence, resilience, and leadership qualities in every student. As a staff member, you will play a pivotal role in creating a dynamic, supportive, and collaborative learning community that encourages students to explore, innovate, and achieve their fullest potential. We are looking for passionate educators who are eager to contribute to a culture of excellence, accountability, and respect, guided by our mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students and the broader community.

Position Title: Bus Driver

At RLA, the role of the School Bus Driver is paramount in ensuring that our students have safe, reliable, and efficient transportation to and from school. As a key member of the RLA community, the Bus Driver supports our mission by fostering a secure and supportive environment for students during their daily commutes. This position requires a dedicated individual who is both an adept driver and a caring, vigilant guardian of our students' well-being.

Essential Functions:

- **Student Transportation**: Safely transport students to and from school, adhering to scheduled routes and time frames, ensuring every student's safe arrival and departure.
- *Verification and Safety:* Confirm permissions for students' travel arrangements and maintain a secure environment, promptly addressing any disciplinary issues in alignment with RLA policies.
- **Vehicle Maintenance:** Keep the bus clean and conduct pre- and post-route inspections to guarantee a mechanically sound and safe vehicle.
- *Emergency Preparedness:* Respond effectively to emergencies, utilizing training in first aid and crisis management as necessary.
- **Community Interaction:** Engage with students, staff, and families in a manner that reflects RLA's commitment to nurturing relationships and promoting SEL principles.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Observe all traffic laws and regulations related to school bus operation, contributing to a culture of safety and respect.
- **Professional Development:** Participate in ongoing training sessions, including safety meetings and workshops on SEL and PBL, to better support the holistic development of our students.



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Skills & Qualifications:

- *High School Diploma* or GED.
- Valid CDL License, with a clean driving record and no at-fault accidents in the last five years.
- **Experience**: Minimum of one year's experience driving a school bus, with a proven ability to manage the responsibilities and challenges of student transportation.
- Commitment to Safety: Deep understanding of and dedication to the safety and well-being of children.
- *Interpersonal Skills:* Strong communication skills and the ability to foster positive interactions within the school community.
- Adaptability: Flexibility to adjust routes and schedules as needed and respond to the dynamic needs of the school community.

Physical Requirements:

The role involves significant physical activity, including:

- **Navigating** the bus through various weather conditions and terrains.
- Assisting students: Helping young or special needs students board and exit from the bus.
- *Physical Vigilance*: Maintaining high levels of concentration and readiness to respond to students' needs or emergency situations.

Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential functions, ensuring all team members can contribute fully to our learning community.