

## School Bus Driver Training Set

Written by Steve Frank  
Thursday, 12 July 2012 13:17

---

School bus driver training will be offered Ashe County Board of Education Annex July 17-19. Classes run from 8:30-3:00 each day. Watauga County residents wishing to become school bus drivers for the Watauga County Schools can complete their training at this Ashe County location. Before attending the class, anyone who is not a current Watauga County Schools employee must have a recommendation from the principal or assistant principal at the school where they want to be hired.

“We have a continuing need for additional bus drivers and we encourage everyone who is interested in being a school bus driver to obtain the required recommendation and attend these classes,” said WCS Transportation Director Jeff Lyons.

A school bus driver training class must be completed in order to receive the license (CDL) required to drive a school bus in North Carolina. The starting pay for school bus drivers in Watauga County is \$13.04 per hour.

Each student’s driving record is screened through the NC Division of Motor Vehicles the first day of class. In addition to the driving record check, a criminal background check is conducted of all prospective school system employees before they start work.

Each student should bring their driver’s license, social security card, a pen or pencil, and a highlighter to the first meeting.