

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is observed annually on the fourth Tuesday in April. This year it falls on April 23. School Bus Drivers' Day originated in California. After it had been celebrated there informally for a while, the California legislature declared the day official. In 2009, they created the day to draw special public attention to school bus drivers in California for their enduring and exceptional contributions to students. The holiday seems to have spread after being established in the state to be commemorated casually.

HISTORY OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

At the beginning of the 20th century, children were transported to and from school in horse-drawn carriages. A.L. Luce, a Ford dealership owner, built a bus body for a 1927 Ford Model T school bus. Additionally, he is a response to the modern school buses. In 1927, open-sided steel-paneled buses were produced for the first time. The 1930s saw a rise in the use of front entry doors. The rear door, however, was still there and was used in case of an emergency. Children from low-income households in rural areas all around the world have benefited greatly from the benefits provided by school buses.

During a meeting in 1939, 44 requirements for school buses were approved. One was that buses were always painted yellow as a norm. The hue was chosen because black letters could be read on it and it was believed to be the easiest to see at sunrise and dusk. School buses have frequently undergone modifications and upgrades, but we still acknowledge the need for bus drivers, which is one thing that hasn't changed.

The California State Assembly established School Bus Drivers' Day in 2009. It's a well-deserved tribute to all of the men and women who devote their lives to ensuring that children go to school every day while remaining patient, helpful, and upbeat throughout.