

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2014-2015

1. Drivers are continually hired and trained for positions as sub-drivers and eventually full-time drivers. Approximately 35-40 hours are spent training each individual. We are starting this school year with 7 sub-drivers. We are starting to see some of our routes and full capacity and will be monitoring this to ascertain if additional routes will be needed.
2. In reference to the training that we afford our drivers each year, we organize at least 4 structured informational meetings per school year. Each meeting ranges in length from 2-4 hours. In August 2014 at the first meeting we had Gary Moore, retired MHP Captain, and now with Homeland Security, come speak to the group about an incident in Alabama in 2013, where a bus driver was killed and a student was taken hostage for several days. This presentation was to make drivers more cognitive about their surroundings and to be proactive in the safety of the students. We also implement a front door and a back door evacuation drill for all students K-6 and also those students 7-12 that ride the bus.
3. Our bus fleet was serviced and inspected over the summer months and is up and running for the 2014-2015 school year.
4. There were eight new buses purchased this year for the fleet. At this time, 65% of our fleet has over 100,000 miles. This is going to increase our supply and repair budget yearly. I will continue to stress the importance of keeping a rotation schedule on our bus fleet.
5. The mechanics are also in the process of installing a fourth camera on the buses that shows the driver and the stairwell. We have already utilized this and found it to be very beneficial.
6. We would like to continue receiving the Total Fleet Excellence Award. We have recently received our sixteenth consecutive year of the Fleet Excellence Award at the Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation conference. In the last 16 years our lowest score was 96.5%. A 90% must be attained to receive the Fleet Excellence Award. Many years we have been awarded 100%.
7. In addition to the regular routes we maintain and oversee several ancillary routes that include Early Childhood, Capstone, Project Pass, on and off Campus Shuttles, Mini Trips, Activity Trips, Overnight Trips, district suburban usage and collaborating with the Band Boosters to accommodate the transporting of the chuck wagon for band competitions several times throughout the year.
8. We are already working on the development of the transportation plan for the new school in Osage Beach. This will also include parking maneuverability and ease and safety of loading and unloading of the students at both Osage Beach and Hurricane Deck Schools.
9. The office staff did an outstanding job of recordkeeping in the 2013-2014 school year. The outcome was a very successful audit for the transportation department.
10. We will continue to educate our drivers throughout the year to maintain one of the best transportation departments in the state.