

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
2015-2016

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 the school year with 4 sub-drivers. WE have since hired additional sub drivers, who are now in training and should be licensed by the middle of October. We are starting to see some of our routes at 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.
3. Our bus fleet was serviced and inspected over the summer months and is up and running for the 2015-2016 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. 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%.
6. 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.
7. The office staff did an outstanding job of recordkeeping in the 2014-2015 school year. The outcome was a very successful audit for the transportation department.
8. The workload in the office has increased substantially. The search for sub drivers has been a challenging one. The added challenge of covering for regular drivers when they are taking activity trips has also been time consuming. With that being said, our driver trainers are also working diligently to train up 7 new sub drivers to replace those that have moved into full time route or shuttle positions. An additional shuttle/utility position was added this year to facilitate all of the added shuttles. LCTC in particular has increased their need for additional shuttle buses, with the increase in their enrollment. An additional route and driver were added to the regular routes. The addition was to help accommodate the routes effected by the new attendance lines.
9. The change for the attendance lines for Hurricane Deck and Osage Beach made it necessary to add "transfer stations" for each of these schools. We were able to do this without adding drivers or buses. Several changes have been made to existing routes to better accommodate the students to get them to and from school in the safest way possible.
10. We will continue to educate our drivers throughout the year to maintain one of the best transportation departments in the state.