

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
2016-2017

1. Drivers are continually hired and trained for positions as sub-drivers and eventually full-time drivers. Approximately 20 hours are spent training each individual. We are starting the school year with 12 sub-drivers. 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 2016-2017 school year.
4. We had a surprise annual DOT bus inspection on September 12, 2016. Eight buses were randomly chosen and received 100% on the inspection.
5. There were four new buses purchased this year for the fleet and also a replacement bus. At this time, 65% of our fleet has over 100,000 miles. We now have a total of 78 buses. Seventeen of them are over 10 years old, forty-one of them have over 100,000 miles and twenty-two of them have over 150,000 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.
6. We would like to continue receiving the Total Fleet Excellence Award. We have recently received our seventeenth consecutive year of the Fleet Excellence Award at the Missouri Association of Pupil Transportation conference. In the last 17 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. The office staff did an outstanding job of recordkeeping in the 2015-2016 school year. We are anticipating a successful audit in September.
9. Each year we provide training for staff and all students K-6, in reference to the proper and safest way to evacuate a bus in case of an emergency.
10. We will continue to educate our drivers throughout the year to maintain one of the best transportation departments in the state.