

Surveys Conducted on School Transportation Topics
REVISED: November 30, 2011
Chronological Order (Most current listed first)

Note: If summary results cannot be obtained at <http://www.faptflorida.org/surveys.htm> or from the sources indicated, please call the FDOE School Transportation office at (850) 245-9795 or e-mail schtrans@fldoe.org, as our office may have the summary results from the originator.

Survey:	Description	Conducted by:	Date	Summary of Results Available From:
Paying for Drug Testing/Criminal Checks	Who pays for OTETA drug and alcohol testing and criminal background checks (district or driver?)	David Solomon, Lake	11/30/11	David Solomon SolomonD@lake.k12.fl.us
Vehicle Replacement	Policies and criteria for white fleet and school bus replacement	Joe Flanagan, Martin	10/7/11	Joe Flanagan FlanagJ@martin.k12.fl.us
Interior Bus Advertising	Request for information related to the district's policies for Interior Bus Advertising.	Jay McInnis, Okaloosa	3/15/11	Jay McInnis mcinnisj@mail.okaloosa.k12.fl.us
License Check	Request for information related to the district's policies regarding license check for employees who drive vehicles other than school buses.	Pat Jones, Wakulla	1/20/10	Pat Jones jonesp@wakulla.k12.fl.us
Driver Training and Attendance Incentives	District incentives for additional training taken by driver and for attendance	Danny Hood, Putnam	12/4/09	Danny Hood DHood@PutnamSchools.org
Hand Tools for Mechanics	Request for information related to the districts' provision of hand tools for mechanics.	Hank Salzler, Martin	12/4/09	Pam Pope Popep@martin.k12.fl.us
Seating Assignments by Gender	Request for information related to whether districts assign seating based on students' gender.	Hank Salzler, Martin	12/4/09	Pam Pope Popep@martin.k12.fl.us

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Band Equipment on School Buses	Request for information related to transporting band and other auxiliary equipment on school buses.	Rocky Pace, Gadsden	11/30/09	Rocky Pace pacer@mail.gcps.k12.fl.us
Recapped Tires	Request for information related to district policies for use of recapped tires.	Dale Fambrough, Palm Beach	11/19/09	Dale Fambrough Dale.fambrough@palmbeach.k12.fl.us
Vehicle Replacement	Request for information related to district policies for replacement of white fleet and school buses.	Tad Kledzik, Pasco	9/21/09	Tad Kledzik tkledzik@pasco.k12.fl.us
Magnet Schools Transportation	Survey on whether districts have magnet schools, whether they transport, and whether they provide different service	Don Carter, St. Lucie	8/31/09	Don Carter CarterD@stlucie.k12.fl.us
Daycare Transportation	Various questions about district practices for transportation to day centers.	John Hamilton, Jackson	6/12/09	John Hamilton John.hamilton@jcsb.org
Charter Schools Transportation	Does the district provide transportation services to its charter schools?	Eric Fritz, Escambia	4/17/09	Eric Fritz c/o Bill Schroyer, bschroyer@escambia.k12.fl.us
Routing Software Survey	Various questions on the district use of and satisfaction with routing survey.	Carson Walker, Taylor	3/19/09	Carson Walker Carson.walker@taylor.k12.fl.us
Bus Stops on High Speed Roads	How many on 50 mph or higher? Grades? District policy? Review committee? Recent changes?	Bobbie Engelhardt, Marion	11/7/08	Bobbie Engelhardt Bobbie.Engelhardt@marion.k12.fl.us
District Vehicle Assignment	Martin requesting information about transportation directors having a take home vehicle or vehicle stipend for the director's position.	Willie Sauls, Martin	6/18/07	Willie Sauls saulsw@martin.k12.fl.us

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Evacuation Drills	Procedures for conducting school bus evac drills	Louise Piper, Okeechobee	9/20/06	Louise Piper PiperL@okee.k12.fl.us
Bell Times	Number of students transported? Number of magnet or choice schools with transportation provided? Earliest bell time? Latest bell time? Earliest dismissal? Latest dismissal? Does each grade level group, ES, MS, HS, share identical bell times? If yes, what are your HS, MS, ES bell times?	Karen Williams, St. Lucie	3/11/06	Karen Williams Williams1K@stlucie.k12.fl.us
Shop Labor Rates	Various questions about what districts charge outside interests for repair of buses, e.g., if other party causes a bus crash	Steve Githens, Alachua	2/15/06	Steve Githens githenssw@sbac.edu
Technicians Manuals	Request for manuals, handbooks, or sections, providing operational procedures for techs.	Pat Jones, Wakulla	1/26/06	Pat Jones jonesp@wakulla.k12.fl.us
Above-ground Fuel Tanks	Request for specs, bid documents, experience with above-ground tanks.	Steve Githens, Alachua	1/24/06	Steve Githens githenssw@sbac.edu
FEFP Staffing	Is staff assigned to handle just FEFP calculation? How many?	Lisa Rhodes, Duval	1/31/06	Lisa Rhodes RhodesL@educationcentral.org <i>No responses to survey, so no summary</i>
Staff Cars	Various questions about district policies about whether and when staff cars may be taken home.	Steve Githens, Alachua	1/19/06	Steve Githens githenssw@sbac.edu

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Driver Age and Experience Requirements	Data from other states.	Charlie Hood, FDOE	1/15/06	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org
Driver Age and Experience Requirements	Information from Florida school districts on whether driver minimum experience should be lowered and benefits and drawbacks.	Louise Piper, Okeechobee	1/15/06	Louise Piper piperl@okee.k12.fl.us
Shoe Programs	Does your district have a shoe purchase program for drivers and techs? Do you have policies about acceptable footwear?	Arthur Pla, Leon	11/21/05	Arthur Pla PlaA@mail.leon.k12.fl.us
AM-FM Radio Use	What stations do districts allow drivers to play, or is there a list?	Willie Sauls, Martin	11/17/05	Willie Sauls saulsw@martin.k12.fl.us
Driver Routes, Guaranteed Hours, Duties	How are routes assigned? Minimum driver hours per day? How many drivers per supervisor? How are extra duties assigned?	Sheila Kelly, Marion	10/18/05	Sheila Kelly Sheila.Kelly@marion.k12.fl.us Also at www.marion.k12.fl.us/dept/trn
Bus Cost for Field Trips and Bus Rental	As described	Otha Miller, Bradford	5/9/05	Otha Miller Miller_O@firn.edu
State Certification and Licensure	What categories of jobs have required or optional state certification or licensure (inspectors, driver trainers, techs, special needs specialist, trans. director)?	Donald Tudor, South Carolina	3/28/05	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org
Hours of Service	Various questions on hours of service policies and practices, especially as they relate to field trips.	Mike Connors, Brevard	1/19/05	Mike Connors mconnors@brevard.k12.fl.us

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Cell Phones, Bus Idling	Request for district policies on use of cell phones and on idling of buses.	Linda Kelly, DeSoto	1/17/05	Linda Kelly Linda.Kelly@desoto.k12.fl.us
Accident Procedures	What triggers reporting an accident to police? Are students held on board and for how long?	Arlin Vance, Broward	9/4/01	If still available, contact would be Tom Warfield or Ruben Parker in Broward: Ruben.Parker@browardschools.com Thomas.Warfield@browardschools.com
AM-FM Radios	Does your district have AM-FM radios? What policies govern their use and which stations can be played?	Louise Piper, Martin	12/12/02	Louise Piper piperL@okee.k12.fl.us
Bell Times	What are your first bell times? What order do schools open in (elem., middle, high)?	Winnie Gerken, Orange	1/29/04	Winnie Gerken gerkenw@ocps.k12.fl.us
Bus Attendants	Must your bus attendants pass physicals? Dexterity testing?	Deborah Vitale, Marion	3/11/03	Deborah Vitale Vitale2@marion.k12.fl.us
Bus Stop Safety	Various questions about how stops are established, reviewed, and communicated.	Rick Rothberg, Miami-Dade, for FAPT Operations Committee	11/4/03	Yevola Falana, current Chair, FAPT Operations Committee fanay@palmbeach.k12.fl.us
Bus Stops on Multi-lane Highways	Does your state allow routing that requires a child to cross a multi-lane highway?	Donald Tudor, South Carolina	3/25/03	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org
Daycare and After-school Transportation	Various questions about district practices for transportation to daycare centers, after-school programs, different households am and pm, etc.	Karen Williams, St. Lucie	8/24/04	Karen Williams Williams1K@stlucie.k12.fl.us
Driver Attendance Incentives	Various questions on whether districts have driver and employee incentive programs and on driver absentee rate.	Lou Karnbach, Lee		Info may be available from Jack Shelton jacksh@lee.k12.fl.us

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Driver Attendance, Recruitment Incentives	Various questions on incentives and compensation provided to recruit drivers and improve attendance.	Karen Strickland, Hillsborough	1/16/03	Karen Strickland Karen.Strickland@sdhc.k12.fl.us
Driver Non-driving Duties	Various questions on time and compensation paid for duties such as pre-trip inspection, fueling, cleaning, record keeping.	Louise Piper, Martin	9/30/03	Louise Piper piperL@okee.k12.fl.us
Driver Salary Ranges	Salary range information requested for regular and sub drivers.	Bob Veres, Clay	12/15/03	Bob Veres bveres@mail.clay.k12.fl.us
Fuel Cost Survey	Data from seven selected districts on diesel cost per gallon.	Charlie Hood, FDOE	2/23/04	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org
Illegal Passing Citations	Can a motorist be cited in your state for illegally passing a bus if there is only a license number observed (no law enforcement officer)?	Unknown	Unknown	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org
Lap Belts Letter	Request for samples of any letters to parents informing them about lap belt requirement for buses.	Kathleen Geyer, Indian River	1/10/03	Kathleen Geyer Kathleen.Geyer@Indian-River.k12.fl.us
Lightning; ESE Parents	Two part survey requesting district policies on lightning and on parents of ESE students meeting them at bus stops.	Rye Merriam, Orange	9/1/04	Rye Merriam Merriar@ocps.net

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Multiple Topics	Comprehensive survey information on driver hours, pay, training, benefits, absenteeism, choice transportation, staggered transportation, bidding of routes, etc.	Sheila Kelly, Marion	1/30/04	Sheila Kelly Sheila.Kelly@marion.k12.fl.us Also at www.marion.k12.fl.us/dept/trn
Permanent Sub Drivers	Request for job descriptions, benefits, salary scale of permanent sub drivers.	Kathleen Geyer, Indian River	1/20/05	Charlotte Rubio Charlotte.Rubio@Indian-River.k12.fl.us
Route Bidding	Various questions on how districts implementing bidding for routes.	Carol Chandler, Volusia	10/16/03	Carol Chandler cbchandl@mail.volusia.k12.fl.us
Safe Driver Plans	Various questions about other states' laws and rules on disqualifying driver violation points levels for current or prospective drivers.	Charlie Hood, FDOE	12/7/04	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org
Title I Cost Documentation	How are districts documenting extra costs for Title I and NCLB transportation?	David Solomon, Duval	11/18/03	David Solomon Solomond2@educationcentral.org
Tool Allowances	Do techs get a tool allowance? How much? Does it cover steel toed boots? Does it limit what may be purchased? How is it paid?	Dean Kesling, St. Lucie	2/18/04	Dean Kesling keslingd@stlucie.k12.fl.us
Two-Way Communications	Does your district have all buses with two-way communications? Is proper use in driver training? What specific subtopics are covered?	Charlie Hood, FDOE	12/13/04	Charlie Hood Charlie.Hood@fldoe.org