




Robbinsville Schools

Transportation Information
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Tonight's Topics

- Who are we and what do we do?
 - Our Buses/Contracted Buses
 - Tiered System and Routes
 - Driver Shortage
 - How can parents help us?
 - Seat Belts/Laws
 - What kind of solutions are we looking at?
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Who are we and what do we do?

<http://www.robbinsville.k12.nj.us/departments/transportation>

http://www.robbinsville.k12.nj.us/departments/central_registration



Robbinsville School District Buses

-District owned buses: Eight (8) 7-24 passenger Buses

Two (2) 54 passenger Buses

-Contracted buses: Twelve (12) Robbinsville High School Buses

Seventeen (17) Pond Road Middle School Buses

Twenty Three (23) Sharon Elementary School Buses

-Field Trips & Athletics



Tiered System

We cover 148 runs per day.
 This does NOT include jobs for special services.
 On average there are 2 routes that run late per day that do not exceed the given 10 minute window.
 Approximately 98% of the routes run on time.

In addition to our in-house Robbinsville routes we cover non-public/Vo-Tec/MCCC/over a dozen Special Ed routes


ROBBINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	DRIVER?	POND ROAD MIDDLE SCHOOL	DRIVER?	SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	DRIVER?
	BUS #		AM/PM		BUS #
1	X X	1	X X	1	X X
2	X X	2	X X	2	X X
3	X X	3	X X	3	X X
4	X X	4	X X	4	X X
5	X X	5	X X	5	X X
6	X X	6	X X	6	X X
7	X X	7	X X	7	X X
8	X X	8	X X	8	X X
9	X X	9	X X	9	X X
10	X X	10	X X	10	X X
11	X X	11	X X	11	X X
23		12	X X	12	X X
		13	X X	13	X X
		14	X X	14	X X
		15	X X	15	X X
		16	X X	16	X X
		17	X	17	X X
		18	X X	18	X X
		23		19	X X
				20	X X
				21	X X
				22	X X
				23	X X

GST

History

Garden State Transport is a family owned and operated school bus company headquartered in Southampton, New Jersey. In 1969, Peter and Wendy Brunt started an International Harvester dealership at this South Jersey location. The Brunt's spent many years selling and servicing farm equipment, school buses and commercial trucks. The business eventually expanded to the sale of parts and services for all vehicles, allowing us to service the entire community.

The school bus transportation side of the company was started when Jonathan Brunt joined GST in 1997. The need for safe, reliable and dependable school bus transportation was apparent. Katie Brunt Avunduk joined the company in 2009. The GST team takes pride in a company that has steadily grown to service school districts and families all over the State of New Jersey.



What it looks like today.....

23 routes - 12 returning drivers from multiple years driving for Robbinsville
8 permanent drivers from the beginning of the year

1 triple tier open (temporarily being covered by GST supervisor)

School start times/Dismissals

Call outs/no shows/leaving for new jobs.....no subs

Weather/Accidents/Change of traffic patterns can impact routes day to day

Constant contact/communication with GST



School Bus Driver Shortage


<http://abcnews.go.com/Lifestyle/school-bus-driver-shortage-us-sparks-growing-concern/story?id=49222961>

The School Bus Driver shortage

More drivers are leaving the profession and fewer are signing up. Where have all the school bus drivers gone? And why?



Driver Shortage

- **Today's generation is not interested in driving a bus**
 - **Stay-at-home moms, college students, and retirees are not interested**
 - **Increasing concern about student behaviors on board**
 - **Lack of support from parents and community**
 - **Pay vs. location**
 - **Tougher standards for licensing drivers (Federal)**
 - **New test is geared towards tractor trailer drivers**
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HOW CAN YOU HELP US?




- Help enforce seatbelt use
- Promote good behavior
- Practice safety not only on the bus but at the bus stops
- Show drivers support and respect
- We have good drivers.....we want to keep them!



Seat Belts

39:3B-11. Seat belts, child restraint systems, use required, liability

2. Beginning on September 1 of the second year next following the year of enactment of P.L.1992, c.92 (C.39:3B-10 et seq.), each passenger on a school bus which is equipped with seat belts shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or other child restraint system that is in conformity with applicable federal standards at all times while the bus is in operation. **Nothing in this section shall make the owner or operator of a school bus liable for failure to properly adjust and fasten a seat belt or other child restraint system that is in conformity with applicable federal standards for a passenger who sustains injury as a direct result of the passenger's failure to comply with the requirement established by this section.**



Seat Belts Lead to Improved Behavior


Belted vs. Unbelted



Possible Transportation Solutions

Finding Solutions:

Some districts have embarked on public awareness campaigns that highlight the benefits of being a school bus driver. Some solutions include:

- Signing bonuses
 - Benefit packages
 - Flexible schedules with limited hours
 - Attracting parents as drivers, which allows them to take their children to and from school
 - Touting the job as a community service
 - Lobbying legislators to reduce the wait time for trained drivers to take the state test
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Questions?

