



# NYAPT

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**RESOLUTION:** 2006-016-P  
**SUBJECT:** Special Needs Training  
**DATE ADOPTED:** June 9, 2007  
**AMENDED:** -  
**REVIEWED:** 12/4/2010

*Whereas*, the mission of NYAPT relates to ensuring the safe and efficient transportation of our school children, and,

*Whereas*, students with disabilities and special needs have always been of particular interest and concern for NYAPT and our members, and,

*Whereas*, recent trends have pointed to a need for increased attention to training and preparing school bus drivers and attendants/monitors in the transportation of students with special needs, and,

*Whereas*, there is legislative and public interest in expanding the training requirements placed on drivers and other school bus personnel related to special needs transportation, therefore,

*Be it resolved that:*

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation supports and endorses a change in the school bus driver refresher program that would require that one hour of the pre-September refresher be focused on training related to special needs students.

*Be it further resolved that:*

The Board direct the Executive Director to disseminate this resolution to the NYAPT membership through publication in the SCHOCK ABSORBER, posting on the NYAPT website and materials forwarded to the 20 NYAPT Chapters.

*And be it further resolved that:*

The Board direct the Executive Director to share this resolution with all appropriate representatives of the state legislature, the State Education Department, other related state agencies, the Comprehensive School Bus Driver Safety Training Advisory Committee, organizations that advocate for students with disabilities and special needs, and other individuals and organizations as appropriate.