



**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION
FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION**

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Our future is riding with us!

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NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK
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Schools across New York State are open for yet another school year and with that, school buses are rolling across our State. Approximately 2.3 million school children board school buses every school day to take the trip to and from school. School buses provide access to education and are critical to the educational success of our nation's school children.

The New York Association for Pupil Transportation is a statewide organization dedicated to the support, development and representation of the professionals who are responsible for the safe and efficient transportation of our school children. We educate and advocate for school bus safety and wish to share with you these facts about the industry.

New York State's 55,000 school bus drivers are skilled school bus operators who possess a federally mandated commercial driver's license that signifies they trained and passed a stringent test to operate a school bus safely and skillfully. They are professionals who are subject to ongoing training, physical performance testing, drug and alcohol testing, annual physicals, and annual testing of driver performance. Our school bus maintenance staffs are comprised of skillful technicians who keep our State's 50,000 school buses maintained at peak levels of performance, subject to thorough, twice annual New York State Department of Transportation safety inspections. Our school bus monitors and attendants are dedicated, trained individuals who care for students riding our buses. Our transportation managers lead arguably the largest and most complex mass transit operation in their local communities. This "team" is responsible for providing a safe ride for our children who ride our school buses every day and boast one of the best safety records for school transportation in our nation.

We ask the motoring public to assist in helping us to keep our children safe by stopping for stopped school buses with red lights flashing. NYAPT surveys have shown over 50,000 motorists pass stopped school buses every school day in our State. This is unacceptable! Passing a stopped school bus endangers the lives of school children who simply are riding the bus to and from school. Don't be distracted while driving and when you see a stopped school bus with red lights flashing, STOP! A child's life depends on it!

In closing, the shortage of school bus drivers is causing great strain on the school transportation industry. We ask if you enjoy working with children, have a good driving record and are dependable, consider driving a school bus for your local school district. It is a rewarding job with a huge payback in job satisfaction. Most importantly, you will play an important role in your community by helping to educate a child! Apply today!

NYAPT is dedicated to the support, development and representation of pupil transportation professionals.