

A Glimpse into SCPS Transportation Services

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With approximately 600 employees in the Transportation Department, Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) is committed to providing all students with a reliable and efficient means of getting to and from school.

Our district services:

32,000 students daily

450 buses

345 bus routes

24/7 after-hours operations

In addition to the regular student transportation, SCPS transports many different programs such as magnets, choice programs, students signed up through Families in Need, students with special needs, job training programs, after-school tutorials, after-school activity programs, field trips, students assigned to out-of-zone schools, and several other programs.

SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE CONCERN AT SCPS – This concern translates over to our

Transportation Services. Twice a year, every child who rides the bus will participate in mock emergency evacuations from the school bus. The evacuation is performed on school campus when the bus arrives at the school to drop the students off in the morning.

Additionally, per the Student Conduct and Discipline Code, bulky or objectionable objects, including musical instruments that cannot be held in the student's lap, are not permitted on the bus in order to prevent injury. Seminole County Transportation Services is also the lead agency in all community evacuations when there are pending storms or community emergencies.

WE'RE ALSO WORKING TO BE MORE ECO-FRIENDLY –

This is done by continuing to add to our fleet of propane buses. Currently, we have 73 propane buses and are waiting on 19 more. This switch to alternative fuels allows us a clean, quiet, and safe

alternative to the older diesel buses. They're also much more cost-efficient with regards to maintenance.

PARENTS – There is a routing procedures pamphlet that you may want to review at the SCPS website. Visit SCPS.k12.fl.us and click through to District > Departments > Transportation > Additional Information. This page explains the procedures for requesting a stop, as well as a variety of other interesting information.

SCPS is proud to have Transportation Services as an extension of the classroom. The success of this department stems from the collective endeavors of many. Through



the assistance of many parties, we will continue to deliver top-notch services to the families of Seminole County Public Schools.

If you would like to work with a team of people who are passionate about the safety of our children, in a place with great benefits and competitive pay, contact Stan McKinzie at 407-320-7547 or Leila Link at 407-320-7519. We're always looking to welcome new drivers onboard!



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