



How States Are Managing the School Bus Driver Shortage

Note: This is a compilation of information provided to NASDPTS and this is being provided for informational purposes. All state laws and regulations should be consulted and followed. NASDPTS does not endorse any one solution.

Bus Routing

- Add tiered routes, including early and late routes
- Combine school bus routes
- Add close, large bus stops for ease with additional routes
- Consider/suggest bell time revisions

Communication

- Communicate with parents on school bus stop arrival timing and when routes are canceled
- Have a way for parents to contact transportation and a process for dealing with inquiries

Better Coordination

- Coordinate with food services to ensure children have access to food if dropped off early or picked up late
- Utilize all transportation staff and maintenance workers as well as coaches and office staff with appropriate credentials to drive school buses

Working Environment

- Create a positive working environment
- Support efforts on student discipline
- Provide t-shirts, jackets, etc.

Other Alternatives

- Promote and encourage public transportation where appropriate
- Offer mileage reimbursement to parents
- Ensure students aren't marked late at school if they are delayed due to school transportation
- Cancel or reschedule charter, activity, and field trips
- Encourage recurring events such as Friday night football games to schedule on alternative days (Thursday nights, Saturday afternoons)