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# Special Needs Driver Team Preservice or Just-in-Time Training

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Starting the Year--The Special Needs Bus Route (Before Driver Team Bus Assignment)  
Bus Assistant: The Job Description, Special Needs (Before Driver Team Bus Assignment)  
Bus Driver: The Job Description, Special Needs (Before Driver Team Bus Assignment)  
Appropriate Touching on the Special Needs Bus (Before Driver Team Bus Assignment)  
Communicating About and with Students with Disabilities (Before Driver Team Bus Assignment)  
Bus Assistants on Regular Buses: The Issues (Before Regular Bus Assignment)  
Seating Assignment Policy and Procedures  
Child Safety Restraint Systems on the Special Needs Bus (ASAP First Semester)  
Parent/School/Driver/Assistant Communication Links (Second Semester) Positive  
Driver Team Interactions with School Personnel (Second Semester)  
Ending the School Year--Driver Team Safety Assessment (Second Semester)

Each of the Topics Above Includes:

1. Online Topic Newsletters. Content is from 6 to 12 pages in length in Adobe Acrobat .pdf read only format. Read-only format has the advantage of saving paper and printing costs for small groups of people taking each training or inservice topic. Many (most?) inservice training handouts end up in the trash immediately after each large group inservice meeting. Why not avoid this problem to begin with? Provide newsletter access on your Transportation Department web page.
2. Online Topic PowerPoint Presentations. (The presentation is 60 to 90 Minutes Long for Driver Team Training. This format is for the Driver Trainer, the Driver and an Assistant (Attendant or Monitor) to go over the topic together at the computer with the Driver Trainer.
3. Online Topic PowerPoint Slide Notes to use during the Driver Team Training. The Driver Team Trainer always has these notes with them during the training to assist in explaining any issues or answering any likely questions from the Driver Team being trained.
4. Online Topic Posttests with 8 items (multiple choice). Quickly done but not timed. Most test takers will complete the test in less than 10 minutes. No trick questions. No splitting hairs. Good, solid information that is useful on the bus with students with a variety of disabilities or challenges for which the Driver Team must be fully prepared.
5. Online Topic Posttest Answers Made Immediately Available to each Adult Learner. Since the questions were derived directly from the Newsletter and/or PowerPoint Presentation the answers from those two sources is provided on a page-by-page or line-by-line basis.

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