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Our Team

8 Full-Time Drivers

Tom Pullins- Bus 2
Lesa Sidwell- Bus 14
Lee Swain- Bus 20
Connie Osborne- Bus 5
Mandy Bush- Bus 25
Raeven Clampitt- Bus 23
Joe Barnhart- Bus 24
Mike Taylor - Bus 3

3 Substitute Drivers

Kenny Tolliver
Steve Scarberry
Brian Collins

Director of Operations

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Our Goals

1) First and foremost, our goal is the safe transportation of your children to and from school each and every day.

Our drivers complete a rigorous on-boarding and training program sponsored through the State of Ohio and conducted by the Southeast Ohio District School Transportation Director. The driver then completes 20 hours of on the road training with our local On Board Instructor before being tested by the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Upon completion of the test, they must observe and drive with passengers and the regular driver for another 12 to 20 hours. Only at that point, are they able to substitute for a regular driver.

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2) Maintain Fiscal Responsibility at the lowest possible cost to our customer.

At Eastern Local, we view the *students and parents as our most valuable customer*. Over the last 8 years we have developed our culture within the transportation department to one of increased accountability, customer focus first, and achievement of efficiency goals .

Over those 8 years, we have made it easier for our drivers by implementing electronic vehicle inspections. Our department is now nearly “paper free” as opposed to the days of paper reporting. Forgotten, misplaced, or incomplete daily inspections have been eliminated.

We are able to give parents accurate reports on arrival times, decrease calls to drivers and office staff, and increase fuel efficiency with GPS tracking and routing. Parents are also able to track their student’s bus with the My View Ap at no charge to them.

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3) Accurately and Effectively manage utilizing data and technology.

Eastern Local buses have undergone two camera upgrades since 2017. The latest in 2023. Since that time, our staff, administrators, and drivers are able to answer questions concerning student behavior, identify drivers who pass the bus illegally, increase student safety when they get on and off , as well as on the trips to and from school. In the future, we are hopeful that we can add “real time” monitoring to our bus camera features.

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The Data

116

Square Miles

2.97

Riders per Square Mile

Out of the 17 Neighboring Districts, we are 14th, or 4th lowest.

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Townships

The size of our District and Rider Density provides unique challenges to efficiency.

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Performance

With the numbers stacked against us, we have still been able to provide full coverage to all of our students in the District.

- **This year, Fiscal 2026 our buses will operate at 81% of Rider Capacity. We have steadily increased that number each year since 2017 when buses operated at 56% of capacity. We have overachieved our riders per bus target (formulated by the state) of 34 students or 57%.**
- **No layoffs over that timeframe.**
- **Return to Home Based Buses within the area they serve.**
- **Decreased Yearly Miles and Fuel Consumption**
- **Ride times of less than 1.25 hours.**