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SUBJECT: 34th Annual School Bus Technicians' Summer Workshop

The Technicians Qualifications and Standards Committee of the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT), in conjunction with Volusia District Schools, has completed plans for the 34rd Annual School Bus Technicians Summer Workshop. The workshop will provide school bus diagnostic and repair training both in classroom and hands-on settings.

The workshop dates are June 23rd – 26th, 2025, in Osceola County. Regular classes begin on Monday at noon and end on Thursday at noon. On Tuesday and Wednesday classes will start at 7 am and *continue until 6 pm*.

Class reservations are secured by completing the following on-line registration form on a ***first come, first serve basis*** by clicking on: [Technician Summer Workshop Registration Form](#). A registration confirmation packet including all pertinent information will be emailed four (4) weeks prior to the workshop.

COST: \$250.00 per person which includes tuition, registration fees, supplies, and 2 lunches and snacks (does **not** include lodging). Late registration is \$300.00 per person from June 2nd - 6th. Registrations will not be accepted after June 6, 2025.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 30th, 2025. Late registration available until June 6th, 2025.

All payment information will be provided with an invoice when registration is received. Because we must guarantee student count, there are NO refunds for cancellations; however, substitutions can be made prior to the start of the workshop.

Monday, June 23, 2025 Registration 8:00 am – 11:30 am. Orientation begins at 11:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Choose from the following sessions for each participant:

Monday, June 23, 2025

Note: **All technicians must register for one in *each* session (Session II must be different from Session I)**

Session I			Session II	
Braun Lift	12:00 – 2:30	<i>Break</i>	Braun Lift	2:30 – 5:00
Disc Brake	12:00 – 2:30	<i>Break</i>	Disc Brake	2:30 – 5:00
Drum Brake	12:00 - 2:00	<i>Break</i>	Drum Brake	2:30 – 4:30
Audio/Video/GPS/Electrical	12:00 - 2:00	<i>Break</i>	Audio/Video/GPS/Electrical	2:30 – 4:30

Dinner from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Note: **All technicians must register for one in *each* session (Session II must be different from Session I)**

Session I			Session II	
	15 Min Break at 9:15			15 Min Break at 3:15
RAC Air	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	RAC Air	1:00 – 6:00
MCC Air	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	MCC Air	1:00 – 6:00
ACC Air	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	ACC Air	1:00 – 6:00
Bendix ABS/Allison	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Bendix ABS/Allison	1:00 – 6:00

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

15 Min Break at 9:15

15 Min break at 3:15

BlueBird	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>
IC	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>
Thomas	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>

Thursday, June 26, 2025 Continue with Wednesday assignment

7:00 am – 12:00 15 Min Break at 9:15

Awards and Closing Comments 12:00 – 1:00

FAPT Florida's Best Competition 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
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FAPT Testing: VST, MRT, or PST (Participants and Walk-ins)

FAPT Vehicle Service Technician (VST), Master Repair Technician (MRT), and Parts Specialist (PST) certification tests will be given on Monday through Wednesday evenings. Technicians registered for the workshop must also complete an on-line registration form if they wish to take these tests. Tests are \$35 each and will be conducted in the evenings from 4 pm. to 6:00 p.m. Workshop participants and walk-ins must register using this link: [MRT, VST, PST Test Registration](#).

All *retests* are also \$35 per test; however, there is no charge for the first retake, if necessary, during this window only. **Payment must be received prior to testing.**

Participants must bring their tablet or smartphone. No laptops or computers will be provided.

Hands-On Safety Inspector Testing

Additionally, Florida School Bus Safety Inspector Certification **hands-on testing** will be available. Registration is required by using the online registration form shown in the February 17, 2025, memo from Mr. Robert Manspeaker, FLDOE.

Payment of \$100 must be received prior to testing.

We encourage you to take advantage of this training opportunity; and thank you for your continued interest and support. Remember, there are scholarship funds available which have been previously posted on the FAPT website. Please feel free to contact any committee member if you have any questions or suggestions.

NOTE: Each district will be responsible for the lodging of their participants. The recommended accommodation is listed below. **Please mention FAPT to receive a discounted rate of \$109.00 per night, including breakfast. The parking fee is waived.** *Please send tax exempt form to hotel.*

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
4991 Calypso Cay Way
Kissimmee, FL 34746

Reservations by attendees must be made on or before Monday, June 9, 2025

[FAPT Booking for SpringHill Suites](#)

Training Location: **Osceola Schools Transportation Department**
401 Simpson Rd., Osceola, FL 34744

