



The Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT) is pleased to invite your Driver Trainer's to participate in the 2026 FAPT Spring Driver Trainer's Workshop in Bradenton, Florida (Manatee County). While the workshop is geared toward those staff who are involved in safety and training, other attendees are welcome to attend.

This intensive workshop focuses on the important aspects of recruiting, training and retaining School Bus Operators and Attendants. District and charter school participants will share ideas, learn about current and forthcoming legislation, receive training in multiple topic areas and network with colleagues from across Florida.

FAPT is also pleased to announce the return of the FAPT School Bus Safety Skills Road-e-o. The Road-e-o is being held at Bayshore High School in Bradenton on Saturday, April 11, 2026. This exciting event will test the driving skills of each participating district. Each district or charter school will be permitted to enter one (1) School Bus Operator to compete. The competition participants will be using 2026 International CE conventional school buses. Districts are responsible to secure hotel reservations for their Road-e-o participants. A list of nearby hotels is provided below.

The workshop is being held this year at the Christian Retreat Conference Center in Bradenton. The workshop venue provides accommodations, meals and workshop facilities all in one location. The Road-e-o will be held at Bayshore High School in Bradenton.

The information below will assist you in planning for your staff attending the workshop and or Road-e-o. Please review the information below before clicking the link to the registration form. The link will allow you to register attendees and provide other relevant information to FAPT. [Please access the link for each attendee being registered.](#)

Once your registration is received by FAPT, an invoice will be sent to you for payment, which **MUST** be paid prior to the start of the workshop.

A draft agenda for the workshop and the Road-e-o handbook will be available soon on the FAPT website at www.faptflorida.org. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Lester Ottinger, Compliance Specialist, at OttingerL@ManateeSchools.net, Mr. Jamie Warrington, Transportation Director, at WarringtonJ@ManateeSchools.net or Ms. Karen Strickland, FAPT Executive Director, at FAPTExecDir@gmail.com.

Please review relevant event information below and click [2026 Driver Trainer Workshop](#) to register your attendees. We look forward to seeing you this Spring!

2026 FAPT Spring Driver Trainer's Workshop



DATE: April 6-9, 2026

LOCATION: Christian Retreat Conference Center
1200 Glory Way, Bradenton, Florida 34212

SCHED: Monday (PM), Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (AM)

COSTS:

Lodging**:	Mon, Tue & Wed	\$420
Meals:		\$150 B (x3), L (x4), D (x2)
Registration: Workshop		<u>\$150</u>
Total:		\$720

** A limited number of rooms may be available for Sunday (4/5) or Thursday (4/9) nights at an additional cost of \$140/night for those traveling a long distance. Rooms assigned by FAPT. Deadline to reserve a room(s) at the above price is March 16, 2026.

2026 FAPT School Bus Safety Skills Road-e-o

DATE: Saturday, April 11, 2026

LOCATION: Bayshore High School
5401 34th Street West, Bradenton, Florida 34210

COSTS: Registration: \$75

SCHED: Saturday

BOOK: www.yellowbuses.org (Explanation of School Bus Road-E-O)

LODGING: **Super 8 – Bradenton/Sarasota Area**

6516 14th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34207 (941) 263-5613

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

4450 47th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34210 (941) 795-4633

Best Western Plus – Bradenton Gateway Hotel

2215 Cortez Road West, Bradenton, FL 34207 (941) 238-0800



Bayshore High School – Competition Area & Parking

