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SUBJECT: **35th Annual School Bus Technicians' Summer Workshop**

The Technicians Qualifications and Standards Committee of the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation (FAPT), in conjunction with Osceola District Schools, has completed plans for the 35th 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 22nd – 25th, 2026, 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: [2026 Technician Summer Workshop](#). 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, 2026.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 6th, 2026. Late registration is available from May 30th to June 6th, 2026.

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.

AGENDA

Monday, June 22, 2026 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 22, 2026

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

Dinner on your own

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

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

Session I

15 Min Break at 9:15

Session II

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
Spheros Air	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Spheros Air	1:00 – 6:00
Trans Air	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Trans Air	1:00 – 6:00
Luke Red Dot AC	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Luke Red Dot AC	1:00 – 6:00
Advanced Electrical	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Advanced Electrical	1:00 – 6:00
Bendix ABS.	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Bendix ABS	1:00 – 6:00
Allison Transmission	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Allison Transmission	1:00 – 6:00

Dinner on your own

Lunch provided

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

15 Min Break at 9:15

15 Min break at 3:15

BlueBird	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	BlueBird	1:00 – 6:00
IC	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	IC	1:00 – 6:00
Thomas	7:00 – 12:00	<i>Lunch 12:00 – 1:00</i>	Thomas	1:00 – 6:00

Dinner on your own

Lunch Provided

Thursday, June 25, 2026 *Continue with Wednesday assignment*

15 Min Break at 9:15

Blue Bird	7:00 – 12:00	Awards and Closing Comments 12:00 – 1:00
IC	7:00 – 12:00	
Thomas	7:00 – 12:00	

Lunch on your own

FAPT Florida's Best Competition
Thursday, June 26, 2026
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

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 and Train the Trainer

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

HOT: *Payment of \$100 for school districts must be received prior to testing.* [Hands-On Testing](#)

TTT: *Payment of \$250 for school districts must be received prior to testing.* [Train the Trainer Link](#)

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 suggested accommodation is listed below. **Please mention FAPT to receive a discounted rate of \$119.00 per night, including breakfast. The parking fee is waived.** *Please send tax exempt form to hotel.*

SpringHill Suites by Marriott
13700 Boggy Creek Rd
Orlando, FL 32827

[SpringHill Suites Boggy Creek Orlando](#)

Reservations by attendees must be made on or before Monday, May 22, 2026

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

