

DID YOU KNOW . . . NAPT offers a variety of unique Special Needs Transportation training that can lead to professional endorsement?

The NAPT Special Needs Transportation Training Program provides numerous opportunities for transportation personnel serving students with disabilities to access educational opportunities at both local and national conferences and to gain national recognition for their efforts.

THE PROGRAM . . . has a core curriculum of six (6) Special Needs courses in a variety of different settings, including a school bus roadeo and a trade show of school transportation products and services.

The syllabus for each of these components has been specifically designed to increase your knowledge about transporting students with disabilities.

The core curriculum is supplemented by two (2) courses of elective instruction from the NAPT Professional Development Series, the most comprehensive and affordable educational program ever created for the school bus industry. Each year, more than 40 different professional development courses are approved and offered by NAPT at national and state meetings! Please visit www.napt.org/ online for our course catalog of online PDS courses.

Who Can Participate? and What Does It Cost?

The NAPT Special Needs Transportation Training program is open to everyone. After paying a one-time \$25 endorsement application fee, NAPT members pay just \$15 per activity/course; non-members pay \$50 per activity/course.

For more information about the program, please contact Linda Bluth, SNT Program Administrator, at linda.bluth@napt.org or phone: (410) 480-1492. You may also visit the NAPT website at www.napt.org or call (800) 989-6278 to learn more about the Special Needs Transportation Training Endorsement Program and the NAPT Professional Development Series.

Enhance your career with NAPT!



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Special Needs Transportation Training - The National Association for Pupil Transportation

THE CORE CURRICULUM ...

consists of the following courses:

Special Needs Transportation (SNT #101)

The cornerstone of the SNT Program, this course uses the most recent edition of the *NAPT Manual for Transporting Children with Disabilities*, written by Dr. Linda Bluth, to explore the legal basis for special needs transportation. It highlights the differences between laws and policies, particularly as they affect operations and includes definitions of transportation and related special education terms, transportation requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments; and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. There is a specific focus on the characteristics of children with disabilities and the relationship of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process to the provision of the related service transportation.

Scenarios are used to discuss multiple hot topics including

discipline, climate controlled school buses, door-to-door transportation, medication and oxygen transport.

Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses (SNT #102)

This course utilizes the most current curriculum approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to teach the proper use and installation of Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems on School Buses.

Roadeo Report (SNT #103)

This event provides the opportunity for participants to observe or actively participate in an NAPT approved School Bus Roadeo and complete a Roadeo Report, which must be submitted to the NAPT designated course coordinator for the event. The Roadeo Report includes a written assignment that demonstrates a general knowledge about roadeo elements; a knowledge test about proper procedures; and subsequent online research. A grade of 70% on the test is required to receive credit.

Trade Show Report (SNT #104)

This course requires participants to attend a school transportation trade show, visit with a minimum of 10 vendors and demonstrate knowledge about products specifically designed to promote safety for the transportation of students with special needs.

In order to receive credit, participants will be required to hand in a form/checklist to validate attendance/participation at an approved trade show and complete short answer questions.

Managing Special Needs Student Behaviors: Transportation Challenges (SNT #105)

This course takes an in-depth look at behavior management strategies that work with students of all ages. The emphasis is on best practices for supporting a safe school bus environment by utilizing effective behavior management strategies for a variety of different disability populations. In order to receive credit, participants will be required to complete a course-specific assignment.

Special Needs Transportation Leadership Seminar (SNT #106)

The NAPT Special Needs Transportation Seminar is the capstone experience of the NAPT Special Needs Training Program. It is a learning opportunity that provides individuals with the chance to identify an issue that is of particular interest in special needs transportation, attend a conference, take a pre-approved national or state course, and prepare a summary of information that demonstrates critical thinking and concrete conclusions based on industry best practices and standards. Seminar students are expected to complete a written assignment that demonstrates analysis in addressing an issue or problem; evaluating options, relationships, and variations in related procedures. Critical thinking and written communication skills are the emphasis of this course.

Prerequisites for SNT #106: Completion of SNT #101, and two of the following courses: SNT #102, SNT #103, SNT #104 or SNT #105.

