

# Transportation Update

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*The Department of Transportation organizes and implements pedestrian and school vehicle transport services for AACPS students, with a primary focus upon the operation of school bus services necessary to implement and support the instructional mission.*

## Bus Driver Recruitment and Availability

School Bus Driver Availability - Contractor								
	SY 23-24 Bus Routes	# Drivers Oct-2023	Vacancies	# In Training	SY 23-24 Van Routes	Van Drivers	Vacancies	# Van Drivers in Training
Total	549	564	0 (+15)	51	42	49	0 (+7)	8

Division of Transportation Vacancy Report								
Specialists	Operation Tech	Dispatch Manager	Analyst Routers	Operations Manager	SPED Drivers	SPED Aides	Van Drivers	Van Aides
1	4	1	2	1	2	0	4	3

## Other Initiatives

The following is an update on other initiatives within the Transportation Department.

- The Student Transportation RFB for FY 25 (51 Routes) bid opening occurred on October 16 and the assessment and award recommendations of the RFB will be completed by November 1.
- The Chief Operating Officer, Transportation Staff, and Purchasing Staff met with an EV bus Consultant on October 27 to discuss AACPS' EV Bus Initiative to comport with the new State law.
- Transportation Staff will be presenting an overview of the addition of Alternative Vehicles (vans) to student transportation at the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> ASBO conference.
- Transportation Staff will be conducting a Contractor Safety meeting on November 3 at Carver Center.