

Ohio School Boards Association
 Master of Transportation Administration
 2019-2020 Class Schedule – Compliance and Safety

<p>Sep 18 or Oct 2</p>	<p>Payment in Lieu of Transportation / School Choice Transportation Ohio's revised code requires public schools to provide transportation to nonpublic, community and stem schools. This provides logistical challenges. This class will review the service requirements, the exceptions, and then will go in-depth into the procedures that districts may follow to declare transportation for a particular student impractical. When followed successfully, this leads to paying the parent 'in-lieu-of-transportation', and subsequently no bus service is required. This class will review the detailed steps that must be followed, discuss the reasons that may be considered, and help the attendees gain a better understanding of this option and how to implement successfully.</p>
<p>Oct 23 or Oct 30</p>	<p>Student Management and Training This class has two focuses: student management and student safety training. In the first part of class we will focus on the elements of student discipline plans, actions within a driver's authority and responsibility, and effective strategies for working with parents and administrators. In the second part of class we will look at the required safety training, discuss different delivery methods, and consider how to expand our training beyond just the students that ride our buses.</p>
<p>Dec 4 Or Dec 11</p>	<p>Rules and Laws Governing Ohio Pupil Transportation Pupil transportation is one of the most regulated services nationwide as well as in Ohio. This class is devoted to an exploration of the various regulations that transportation administrators need to be familiar with to ensure that transportation is safe, dependable, and compliant with both laws and best practices. A key take-away from this class will be the printed copy of the operating rules, an index to look up regulations that are pertinent, and familiarity with how the pieces fit together and impact operations. This class is offered annually. Each year the focus is varied depending upon current hot topics and issues. Over the 3-year MTA term attendees will have a thorough exposure to the many rules and regulations that are part of this facet of public education.</p>
<p>Feb 5 or Feb 12</p>	<p>Driver Records / Background Check / Compliance Needs None of us can afford for anything to "fall through the cracks," especially in the area of driver qualifications. Ohio's regulations governing school bus driver requirements are among the most detailed in the nation. This seminar will present strategies and methods to achieve and maintain compliance. Driver audit forms and hiring checklists will be provided and reviewed.</p>
<p>Mar 4 or Mar 11</p>	<p>Emergency Transportation Planning Transportation departments are required to have a viable emergency plan in place. These plans should be documented. They include not only the major events that we hope will never happen, but also routine incidents that occur in this industry (breakdowns, sick children, minor accidents). This class will help identify what should be included in an emergency plan, how to develop the action plans, and how to write a plan that anyone can follow, even in your absence.</p>
<p>Apr 1 or Apr 8</p>	<p>Fleet Compliance This course will review the Ohio school bus construction standards, approved options for school buses, FMVSS requirements, and the need to keep your fleet compliant with both sets of standards. We will also delve into the value of a preventive maintenance plan, bus purchasing, and the use of data to determine an effective vehicle replacement plan. Finally, we will focus on how to make the best use of the driver pre-trip inspection to meet the need for safety checks and state patrol motor vehicle inspections.</p>

All classes will be held at the OSBA offices unless indicated otherwise.