



2026 Fleet Conference, Trade Show, and Technician's Workshop

Tentative Agenda

The Georgia Association for Pupil Transportation (GAPT) is proud to continue our partnership with the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) for this year's conference. GaDOE staff members—Robert Waters, John Osborne, and Ken Johnson—will provide daily orientations, directions, and instructions to ensure a seamless experience. We invite you to join us for each meal, where you'll enjoy not only great food but also important announcements and daily updates. Additionally, don't miss our Trade Show, featuring prize drawings and opportunities to connect with industry leaders. Each classroom session at the 2026 Fleet Conference and Technician's Workshop is designed to last 3.5 hours. Participants are encouraged to select and attend one morning session and one afternoon session each day to maximize their learning experience.

Monday, June 1

- 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:35 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.** Orientation
- 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Morning Classroom Sessions

- 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** **Lunch**

- 12:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** Afternoon Classroom Sessions

- 3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.** *Tradeshow*

- 5:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m** **Dinner and Tour at Savoy Automotive Museum**

Tuesday, June 2

- 7:00 a.m. – 7:55 a.m.** **Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Morning Classroom Sessions

- 11:35 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.** **Lunch**

- 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Afternoon Classroom Sessions



Wednesday, June 3

7:00 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm Group Presentation *Carter Hall* For technicians not participating in the hands-on portion of the Inspector Class, we offer a comprehensive session focused on the annual inspection of school buses, presented by Motor Carrier Compliance. This session will cover:

- 2026 Out of Service Criteria
- Trends in Defects and Out of Service Items
- The Technician's Role in the Inspection Process

Additional topics include:

- Updates on the National School Bus Specifications and their impact on Georgia's standards
- Advancements in Bus Technology
- Special Needs Equipment
- Electric Vehicle Safety
- Recognition of the Technician of the Year

This session aims to enhance your knowledge and skills in maintaining and inspecting school buses, ensuring safety and compliance with the latest standards.

Class Descriptions

Thomas Chassis/Body (Etowah 2)

Familiarization with advanced chassis and body, chassis electronics, multiplex wiring, and EPA engine maintenance. Hands-on and classroom instruction. *(8-hour class, Monday & Tuesday)*

Blue Bird Chassis/Body (Etowah 1)

Covers multiplex wiring, electrical systems, troubleshooting, and operation. Hands-on and classroom instruction. Hosted by Yancey Bus Sales and Service. *(8-hour class, Monday & Tuesday)*

IC Bus Chassis/Body (Stilesboro 1)

Focuses on wiring, electrical systems, diagnostics, and troubleshooting. Hosted by Rush Truck Center of Atlanta. Hands-on and classroom instruction. *(8-hour class, Monday & Tuesday)*

GAPT Inspector/Program Managers Certification Class (Carter Hall)

For bus inspectors and program managers. Includes classroom training and an exam. Successful candidates (80% score) will participate in hands-on inspections on Tuesday or Wednesday. Managers are exempt from hands-on portion but must pass the exam. *(Monday & Tuesday sessions)*



Class Descriptions continued

Wheelchair Lift Maintenance/Diagnostics (Connessa *Monday p.m. & Tuesday a.m. only*)

Maintenance, troubleshooting electrical and hydraulic systems of wheelchair lifts.

A/C Repair Maintenance/Diagnostics (Connessa *Monday a.m. & Tuesday p.m. only*)

Covers routine inspections and diagnosing system failures for efficient operation.

Brake Systems (Pine Log)

Includes Foundation Brakes, collision avoidance, lane departure, and emerging safety technologies.

Gatekeeper (Video Systems) (Stilesboro 3)

Operation and maintenance of Gatekeeper video systems to ensure daily functionality.

Fuel Management (Stilesboro 2)

EPA requirements, mandated tests, recordkeeping, fuel testing, tank cleaning, and additive usage.

Upon confirmation Additional Classes to be added