

Southeastern States Pupil Transportation  
Conference (SESPTC)

joint conference with the

Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation (VAPT)

*“Moving Forward 2025”*



*July 7 - 11, 2025*

*Richmond Marriott Hotel*

*500 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA*

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*Greater Richmond Convention Center*

*403 North Third St., Richmond,*

*Virginia (across street from the hotel)*

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### ***Monday, July 7, 2025***

2:00 p.m.      **SESPTC Board Business Meeting**  
Location .....

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.      **Delegate Registration**  
Location: Upper Level Coatroom

**VAPT Shirt Sales**  
Coordinator: Tanya Deckard, Gloucester  
County Public Schools  
Location: Upper Level at Windows

6:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.      **State Directors' Dinner**  
Location .....

**Tuesday, July 8, 2025**

**Technicians' Competition**

Location: Sonny Merryman, Inc.  
11228 Hopson Road  
Ashland, VA 23005

7:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

**Delegate Registration**

Location: Upper Level Coatroom

**VAPT Shirt Sales**

Coordinator: Tanya Deckard, Gloucester  
County Public Schools  
Location: Upper Level at Windows

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**NAPT Course**

**#201 – Business Writing** – A four hour writing skills workshop, focused on practical tips to help you write clearly and professionally. Learn how to present yourself as a professional in writing to parents, supervisors, staff, and school boards.

Instructor: Beverly Young, Suffolk City Public Schools

Location.....

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Leadership Forum and Team Building**

Presiding: Kevin Harrison, President, SESPTC  
Speaker: Dr. Walter R. Clemons, Retired Superintendent, Gloucester County Public Schools, VA

Location.....

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on your own**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Bus Fire Exercise**

Safe evacuation simulations aim to minimize panic during an emergency by familiarizing students with the operation and layout of school buses, focusing on the emergency exits and safety features.

Location: Gov. Offices City Fire Training Academy  
5600 Beulah Road  
Sandston, VA 23150

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**VAPT Business Meeting**

Location:

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**State Directors' Meeting**

Location:

**Dinner on your own**

***Wednesday, July 9, 2025***

**Breakfast on your own**

**Technicians' Sessions**

Location:

7:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

**Delegate Registration**

Location: Upper Level Coatroom

**VAPT Shirt Sales**

Coordinator: Tanya Deckard, Gloucester County Public Schools

Location: Upper Level at Windows

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.    **Opening Ceremonies and Welcome**  
Presiding: Kevin Harrison, President, SESPTC  
              Darrin Wills, President, VAPT  
Location .....

**Presentation of Colors**  
Mechanicsville High School NJROTC

**Pledge of Allegiance**  
Mechanicsville High School NJROTC

**Invocation**  
Dave Preston, Kingmor Supply, Inc.

**Welcome**

**Roll Call of States**

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.    **Partnering for Success: Fostering Open  
Communications with Special Education  
Teams (Panel Discussion)**  
Speakers: Herbert L. Byrd, Jr., Chesapeake  
City Schools  
Dr. Larry L. Frazier, Jr., West Point Public  
Schools  
Heather Handschin, Prince William County  
Public Schools  
Jackie Johnson, VA Department of Education  
Barbara Lancaster, Stafford County Public  
Schools  
Sharon L. Moore, Newport News City Public  
Schools

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.    **Lunch on your own**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.    **NAPT Course**

**#203 – Communications Skills for Transportation Professionals** – This four-hour course is about how to project self-confidence, how to recover from mistakes, and how to get ideas accepted and implemented. This is an important class for transportation personnel who want to give quality presentations, hone communication skills and enhance their careers.  
Instructor: Sharon Moore, Newport News Public Schools  
Location .....

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**TSA 5n5 Cybersecurity Workshop**  
FBI – updates on current multi-state threat risks; Cyber Security and Infrastructure Agency (CCISA) – updates on current risks; Training on basic cyber security beneficial for drivers through all levels of management; TSA Field intelligence updates on threat related information, specifically on transportation  
Speakers:  
Location:

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Supporting Students with Diverse Needs: Tips from the Transportation Playbook**  
Location:

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Keep Calm and Evacuate On: Emergency Exit and Evacuation Planning for Students with Special Needs**



4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **FMCSA - Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH) & Regulatory Updates**  
Drug and alcohol testing requirements and how to use the DACH  
Speakers  
Location

6:00 p.m. **Thomas Built Buses Event**

**Thursday, July 10, 2025**

**Continental Breakfast in Trade Show Area**

8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon **Trade Show**  
Coordinators: Crystal Staley, Thomas Built Buses  
James Lash, VAPT  
Location: Richmond Convention Center  
***Cash drawings every half hour/must be present to win***

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**  
Location: Marriott Hotel

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Technicians' Sessions**  
**Location:**

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Transportation Security Template Toolkit (T -Start)**  
Developing a Pupil Transportation Security Plan

2:45 p.m.– 3:45 p.m.

**FMCSA - Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH) & Regulatory Updates**

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Speakers:

Location:

2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**McKinney Vento**

Speaker: Dr. Patricia Popp, William & Mary, Virginia EHCY State Coordinator

Location:

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Banquet/Dancing**

(DJ Sponsored by Kingmor Supply, Inc.)

Presiding: Kevin Harrison, President, SESPTC

Darrin Wills, President, VAPT

**Friday, July 11, 2025**

**Breakfast on your own**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**General Session**

(Updates on Legislation, National Congress, NAPT)

Presiding: Kevin Harrison, President, SESPTC

Speakers:

Location:

10:00 am. – 11:00 a.m.

**VAPT Business Meeting**

(At conclusion of General Session)

**SESPTC Executive Board Business Meeting**

Location:

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Wednesday Night Event .....  
Thomas Built Buses & Sonny Merryman, Inc.  
DJ for Banquet & Awards Ceremony ..... Kingmor Supply, Inc.

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