

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

&

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

#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

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. **Shuttle Buses leave for Bus Fire Exercise**
(Buses will leave from _____entrance)

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: Patrick Henry Building
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

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

Welcome

The Honorable Dr. Danny Avula
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Presentation of Colors

Mechanicsville High School NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Mechanicsville High School NJROTC

Invocation

Dave Preston, Kingmor Supply, Inc.

Roll Call of States

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Partnering for Success: Fostering Open
Communications with Special Education
Teams (Panel Discussion)**

Panel: 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 – 5:00 p.m. **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.....

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **TSA Pupil Transportation Security 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
Speaker: William D. Williams, Supervisory Transportation Security Inspector, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, Surface Operations Division Region 2
Location:

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Panel: Herbert L. Byrd, Jr., Chesapeake City Schools

Dr. Larry L. Frazier, Jr., West Point Public Schools

Jackie Johnson, VA Department of Education

Barbara Lancaster, Stafford County Public Schools

Sharon L. Moore, Newport News City Public Schools

Location:

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Panel: Herbert L. Byrd, Jr., Chesapeake City 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

Location:

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

Speaker: Michael J. Lamm, Division
Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety
Administration, Virginia Division
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: Patrick Henry Building

1111 East Broad Street

Richmond, VA 23219

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Transportation Security Template Toolkit
(T -Start)**

Developing a Pupil Transportation Security
Plan

Speaker:

Location:

2:45 p.m.– 3:45 p.m.

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Administration, Virginia Division
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/Awards Ceremony/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

National Association of State Directors of
Pupil Transportation (NASDPTS) and
National Congress on School Transportation
(NCST)

Speaker: Ronna Weber, Executive Director,
NASDPTS

National Association for Pupil
Transportation (NAPT)

Specker: Alex Spann, Tennessee State
Director
Presiding: Kevin Harrison, President,
SESPTC

National School Transportation Association
(NSTA)
Speaker:
Location:

10:00 am. – 11:00 a.m. **VAPT Business Meeting**
(At conclusion of General Session)

SESPTC Executive Board Business Meeting
Location:

Please thank these sponsors for their support!!

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

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