

## TRANSPORTATION

**Primary Goal** - To transport all eligible students to and from school safely, efficiently and on schedule.

<b><u>Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Students</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Cost per Student</u></b>
73	6,308	\$4,625,882	\$733

### **Level K-12**

1. Safety Record – There were a total of thirteen preventable accidents in 2005-06 compared to fifteen preventable accidents in 2004-05. As in the past, the majority are “on property” accidents, involving mirrors or other close proximity items.

2. Pupils Transported

	2005-06		2004-05	
	Assigned Students*	Average Ridership	Assigned Students	Average Ridership
District School	5327	3889	5239	3691
Non-Public, In District	283	283	271	271
Non-Public, Out of District	304	304	348	348
Special Education	92	92	103	103

\*Note: Does not include 363 students who were considered walkers.

3. Total Fleet Mileage – 842,658 (830,241 miles in 2004-05). This increase can be attributed to the following: Special Needs (one bus to Albany, one to Niskayuna) and non-public schools Notre Dame Bishop Gibbons, Colonie Christian Academy, Oakwood Christian and Albany Jewish Community Center not transported in 2004-05.

4. All district runs delivered to their respective schools as scheduled. Exceptions did occur when road construction and weather conditions prevailed.

5. On route Breakdowns – (13 on 2005-06, 16 in 2004-05)

Problem	Frequency	
	2005-06	2004-05
Engine/clutch/transmission	3	2
Electrical	5	5
Brakes	0	4
Cooling system	0	2
Fuel system	2	0
Lube system	0	0
Stuck in snow/mud	0	0
Other	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>

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- 6. Bus Safety Inspections – DOT conducted 146 inspections in 2005-06. Under this inspection system, four buses failed on the first attempt (compared to six in 2004-05). That put the passing rate at 97.33% for 2005-06, compared to 95.95% for 2004-05 (D.O.T. sets a goal of 90% or better). Most of the problems were repaired the same day, and the vehicles were successfully reinspected.
- 7. All required bus safety drills and driver training sessions were conducted. Six new part-time drivers were trained during the year.
- 8. Budgetary Costs –

	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
Operating Costs	\$4,625,882	\$3,682,393
Students	6308	6323
Cost/Pupil	\$733	\$582
Mileage	842,658	830,241
Cost/Mile	\$5.49	\$4.44
Transportation Aid	\$1,635,047	\$1,429,745
State Aid/Pupil	\$259.20	\$226.12

The district purchased no buses in 2005-06 expenses above.

2004-05: \$404,000 to purchase buses from budget

2003-04: \$425,000 to purchase buses from budget

9. Problems

Student Discipline – There were a total of 557 bus behavior referrals (compared to 397 in 04-05).

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number of Referrals</b>
K-6	356
7-8	112
9-12	55

(Remaining referrals were non-public schools, 34)

In addition to serving the needs of the district public school students, the district also transported private, parochial and special needs students to forty other schools within the Capital District.