

SPOTLIGHT ON HILLS AND DALES - TRANSPORTATION

Hello from Hills and Dales Transportation Department. This is to tell you a little bit about us. We have 13 buses and 4 vans in our transportation fleet. We have 10 full time bus routes throughout Highland County. Our fleet travels over the entire county from corner to corner and then some. No student or adult can exceed 90 minutes per trip on a scheduled bus route. We have 10 fulltime bus drivers and 9 fulltime bus aides. In

March 2008, our routes were revamped cutting the miles we traveled from 177,776 miles to 162,785 miles, reducing the total miles traveled by 14,991 miles per year which is 712 less miles per day. By cutting down on miles traveled, 1,866 less gallons of fuel is used, saving an average of \$6,401.00 per year.

On average the drivers do 276 pickups and drop-offs daily, 62,928 yearly. On one bus the wheelchair lift goes up and down 12,768 times per year. The drivers and aides receive bus safety training and safety training for wheelchairs several times per year. In addition 3 or more emergency bus evacuations are practiced yearly. The buses are inspected twice a year by the Ohio State Patrol inspection team.

Hills and Dales is very fortunate to have such a great team of drivers and bus aides. The Transportation Department would like to thank you for your support for the students, adults, their families, caregivers, and providers and the opportunity to meet and make lasting friendships with you. If you have any questions call Hills and Dales at (937) 393-4237, Ext. 129 and you can speak to Tim Clouser, Transportation Supervisor.

Thank you from the Transportation Team here at Hills and Dales Training Center.