



Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

To: Board of Education
 From: Anthony Mendoza, CDPT
 CC: Dr. Katie Reynolds
 Date: July 6, 2026
 Re: Transportation Snapshot

July 2026						
Planned Staff		Hired Staff - Breakdown				
Title	# of Positions Planned	# of Certified Staff Not including AM only driver	# of Spare Drivers	AM Only Driver	# of Drivers in Training	Total Hired Staff
Bus Drivers	32	24	3	1	0	28
Monitors	7	5	0	0	0	5
Van Drivers	3	3	0	0	0	3

Routes					Open Route Coverage			
Type of Route	# of Total Routes		# of Routes Covered includes AM only driver as .5	Open Routes	# routes needing coverage	# of positions covered by First Student	# of positions needing coverage	Notes
School Bus	29	=	24.5	= 4.5	4.5	=	4.5	
Monitors	5	=	5	= 0	0	=	0	
Van	4	=	3	= 1	1	=	1	

We've had a few successful interviews. Applications of already-certified drivers are coming in, and we are scheduling interviews as we review them. We are actively conducting reference checks of one certified driver at this time.

Routing for the 26-27 school year is in process. On the last day of school, we had a student start at a new out-of-district school. If there are no changes from out-of-district schools from last year, we will need 1 additional van and driver for the 2026-2027 school year. Regardless if there are changes, due to the distance of this school (*1500 Executive Drive, Elgin, IL 60123*), we would not be able to add this route to any existing routes.

We have reached out to First Student to reserve drivers to fill open positions should we not be able to fill our vacancies.



Fleet Maintenance Update

BUS	BUS DOWN	ISSUE	NOTES
2703	X	Code 251-02 (Real-Time Clock - Data Erratic)	EV Bus Requires software update. Having issues with Excelera (Cummins computer system) linking up with PMU (power management unit). Real-time clock requires a new battery pack (internal clock for data of computer).
2704	X	DTC 521330-01 battery controller - most severe	EV Bus Doesn't want to start in the PM. Fleet manager has to go out and reset the system - this works some of the time.
2701	X	Code 251-02 (Real Time Clock - Data Erratic)	EV Bus Requires software update.
26		Front and Rear A/C does not blow cold air	
30	X	Gear shift lever is too tight and won't stay in reverse	

The 6 gasoline buses that were replaced by the EV buses will be returned mid-July. We are working on having the camera systems and two-way radios uninstalled.

To help reduce the lengthy delays associated with Cummins software updates, our Fleet Manager is exploring the purchase of a laptop and the necessary Cummins software so we can perform these updates in-house. This would help minimize downtime and return our EV buses to service more quickly.

Additionally, the warranty does not cover the full cost of towing EV buses to Central State for repairs. It provides reimbursement of up to \$1,000 per tow, leaving the district responsible for the remaining balance. To date, the district has paid approximately \$425 out of pocket for each tow.