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Get on Board: Houston County to Host Bus Driver Job Fair on April 27

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Houston County School District will host a Bus Driver Job Fair on Saturday, April 27 at the Houston County School District Bus Facility located at 311 Bear Country Boulevard in Warner Robins. Those interested in employment as a school bus driver with the District are invited to attend the job fair at 9:00 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Attendees should enter the facility using the driveway beside Freedom Field.

The fair will include a job overview and interviews. Attendees should <u>apply online</u> prior to the job fair and bring their driver's license with them on April 27. Experience as a bus driver is not required.

Full-time and part-time positions are available. Full-time work consists of five or more hours a day with 184 days in a school year. Full-time employees who drive a split shift with a break in the middle of the day are eligible for benefits.

Bus drivers with the Houston County School District receive a competitive salary package. Highlights are listed below.

- Full-time pay ranges from \$20.87 \$32.72 based on experience.
- Part-time pay is \$16 per hour.
- The District offers paid, on-site training.
- Military veterans may receive credit for up to three years of active-duty service.
- Except for six training days, drivers have the same holidays as students.
- There is no required weekend work.
- Opportunities are available to earn extra pay, such as working during the summer or driving for school field trips or athletic events.

Flexible, part-time hours are available for those interested in working less than five hours a day, to include driving a route on set days, such as Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or driving a route only in the morning or afternoon. Part-time drivers do not qualify for District benefits.

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The Houston County School District pays for all or part of the following benefits for full-time drivers:

- State health insurance;
- Dental insurance;
- Long-term disability;
- Basic life insurance;
- Sick leave;
- Retirement;
- Employee Assistance Program; and
- Gym membership.

Other optional benefits include short term disability, supplemental life insurance, dependent life insurance, and Flexible Spending Accounts for medical and dependent care. In addition to the state Public School Employees Retirement Plan, the District offers a matching 403(b) plan.

For more information, visit the <u>Get on Board web page</u>. Here, applicants will find more information about working for the Transportation Department, as well as a direct link to the bus driver application. For more help, call (478) 329-2218.

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