



Dear 2018 Transportation Summit Attendees:

Hard to believe another school year is in the books and the Summit is quickly approaching. We are sending this letter out to hopefully clarify the changes which will be happening this June at the Summit.

CDE will be holding two (2) – eight (8) hour sessions on the “FT-1” Federal Training 1, to give you a jump on the Federal requirements of 2020. If you recall, this is a mandate coming 2020 and to train in your district you must complete these sessions, regardless of where you are in the process or certifications received. CDE has been diligently working to provide the Theory and Behind the Wheel Requirements, which they will be presenting June 13th and 14th.

There were several requests to go back to the “DT” format so 2018 we will be holding the 100-400 series listed as “TD” for Transportation Development. You may ask why the name change? The CSPTA Board along with several committees input felt Transportation Development was more encompassing to all attendees versus Driver Trainer. Regardless of your position of title this is all needed and valuable information. Special Needs has gone back to “TSD” Transporting Students with Disabilities. The “TD 1-4” sessions and “TSD 1-3” have been altered as portions of these trainings are included in the Federal Trainer (FT) so we have eliminated redundancy. All classes require registration and are limited to 30 (unless otherwise noted).

TD 1 – Laws and Special Needs (Required first – due to district liability and student safety!)

Regulations
Introduction to SPED
Student Management and Techniques
Hands on Adaptive Equipment
Restraining Techniques and Laws
Required Reporting
Medical Needs and Considerations

TD 2 – Field Knowledge (Hands On)

Pre Trip and Post Trip Intro (how to teach, not doing pre and post trips)
Field of Vision
Braking Techniques
Accident Protocol
Mirror Grid Course
Skills Course Set up
Pre & Post Trip Techniques

TD 3 – Classroom Preparedness and Communication

Student Management
Teaching the Adult Learner
Lesson Plans and Curriculum
Team Building
Edge Training
Presentation Skills

TD 4 – Mountain Driving and Adverse Weather

Classroom and Hands On

TSD 1 – Introduction to Special Needs

SPED 101

Adaptive Equipment

Lift Operations

TSD 2 – Effective Strategies in Special Needs

Educate the Educator

Confidentiality

Emergencies and Evacuations

Sensitivity

TSD 3 – Advanced Special Needs

Preparing to Transport

Fleet Assessment and Assignments

Working as a Team

Alternative Transportation

Reimbursements

Reporting

The above sessions must be attended for their entirety, sessions are repeated to allow individuals to attend multiple tracks. Once you begin the “TD” series they need to be completed consecutively to assure all information is received sequentially. You may however interchange “TD” and “TSD” sessions. It is NOT required to attend the “TD” sessions first, you can attend the “TSD” series first however those must also be attended consecutively. For those who have previously attended the DT/100-400 Series and TSD/800 Series, we understand your concern of having to repeat the sessions. A database with attendance records from CDE and CSPTA is in place. You may petition for sessions to be “grandfathered”, we will make every attempt to give you credit where equal curriculum has occurred. For future reference, those who attend and completed TD-1 in 2018 and continue past TD-4 into TSD-1 may petition for a waiver of attendance. Due to the vast changes in curriculum we cannot grandfather previous DT-1, this session will have to be repeated unless you have completed TSD-1.

There has been confusion and discussion about completion of the “TD (DT)” series as it is tied to a position and/or part of a job description. With the Federal Training beginning, we encourage conversations to take place within your department and district to assess the job descriptions which include or revolve around “TD” sessions. We as any organization must continue to reinvent ourselves to stay relevant to current and future members.

Thank you all for your continued support and faith in CSPTA while we strive to bring what is needed to safely and efficiently transport the children of Colorado and provide a quality program. A special thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s reorganization of curriculum and presentations.

Please register at www.cspta.org and direct questions, concerns and petition to be grandfathered at cstpa@msn.com.