



Debbie Holt

# Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Debbie Holt

POSITION: Bus Driver

School: Transportation

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 18 years

Q. What is your daily schedule?

A. I pre-trip my bus by 6:15 a.m. and am on the road by 6:30. I return to the Transportation Cooperative by 8:30 a.m. which concludes my morning route. I return at 2 p.m. and do the same route, only in reverse. I have 4.75 hours scheduled each day and I can drive special trips to get a 40 hour work week. Special trips are great. There is a trip board posted once a week and, because of my seniority level, I get to pick and choose the trips I want to take to get extra hours and add variety to my regular schedule.

Q. What do you do as part of your pre-trip routine?

A. The pre-trip is a way to make sure the bus is safe. I check my lights, the eight-way system, brakes, tires, and do a visual walk around inspection of the bus. I also make sure there is nothing under the bus or any fluids dripping from the bus. It is a necessary process to help ensure the bus is safe to transport students.

Q. How do you feel about the responsibility of ensuring the safety of students?

A. I take school bus driving very seriously. Bus drivers are the first contact with students in the morning. I consider myself important to our mission and I get involved with my kids. I say good morning and they like to tell me about their day. They often talk about an upcoming test or a fun field trip. The kids are great.

Q. What has the new Transportation Cooperative meant for you as a bus driver?

A. It has made a huge difference. I feel safe. We had a facility that was dark and when I would come in at 2 a.m. from a trip it was scary. This new building has all the modern security systems and we have an automated gate that opens and closes for us by remote. We can fuel and wash our buses here. I feel like a professional and it is a great working environment.

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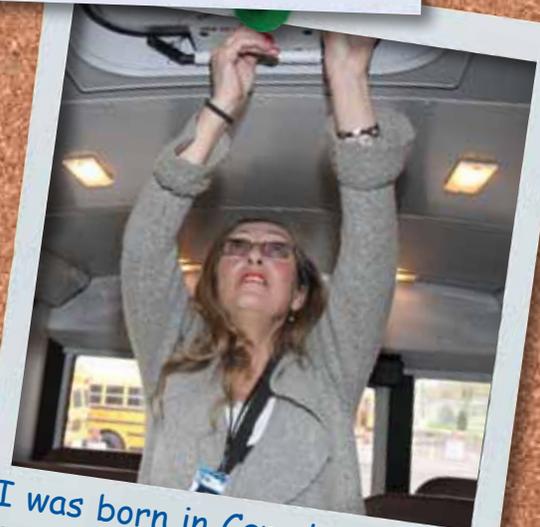
**NOTES:**

I know mornings are rushed for everybody and being behind a school bus can be frustrating. It is an important reminder to motorists to slow down, be cautious and be ready to stop. Safety is our top priority.



# Highlights Debbie Holt

Driving the bus has been the best experience. It's great fun, a great schedule and fun to work with kids.



I was born in Canada and have four kids, including twin boys.

To stay certified, a bus driver must successfully complete an annual in-service. We also have monthly meetings to keep us up-to-date on the information we need to know.