# Apprenticeship USA Chat Sheet



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## Monthly Newsletter for H.S. Students – Transportation

### What is the Transportation Industry?

The Transportation Industry is the vast network that keeps our world moving. It encompasses everything from massive ships crossing the oceans to the bicycles zipping down your street. The Transportation Industry includes the following types of vehicles/vessels:

- a) Trucks;
- b) Trains;
- c) Planes
- d) Buses:
- e) Subways;
- f) Personal Vehicles (think Uber/Lyft, etc.)

#### Why is Transportation Important?

Imagine a world without transportation! Groceries wouldn't reach our shelves, clothes wouldn't arrive in stores, no boxes delivered to your front door, and visiting family across the country would be a dream. The transportation industry is the lifeblood of our economy and society. It connects people, fuels businesses, and ensures we have access to the things we need.

#### What are the Benefits of a Career in the Transportation Industry?

The Transportation industry offers a variety of rewarding career paths, and the job outlook for these positions is positive in the coming 24 months. The Transportation Industry is constantly growing, ensuring job stability and high demand for qualified workers. This is a sample of occupations with good future job prospects and average starting annual pay in parenthesis (....):

- 1) Local Delivery Driver (Good \$21,000/year) w/HS Diploma;
- 2) Mass Transit Operators (Good \$36,000/year) w/HS Diploma;
- 3) Logistics Coordinators (Good \$32,000/year) w/HS Diploma;
- 4) Transportation Assistants (Good \$24,000/year) w/HS Diploma;

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5) Long Haul Drivers - (Good- \$57,800/year) w/HS Diploma.

## **How to Prepare for a Career in the Transportation Industry?**

If you are interested in a career in the Transportation industry, there are a few different ways you can get started. Focus on math, science, and technology skills which are valuable across Transportation roles. Research to learn about different sectors like aviation, trucking, or maritime.

Another approach is an Apprenticeship. Go to the **ApprenticeshipUSA** link for more information[click the blue] (<a href="Homepage">Homepage</a> | Apprenticeship.gov</a>). There, you will find Apprenticeship Programs and on-the-job training opportunities which can take 1 to 2 years of hands-on and classroom training with pay. Let me know if you have questions or need assistance.

For local in-person support you can use your area **American Job Center (AJC)** [click the blue] (<u>American Job Center Finder | CareerOneStop</u>). Simply enter your Zip code to find your nearest AJC.

#### Conclusion

The Transportation Industry is positioned to expand and offer exciting careers for motivated individuals. Remember, the journey to becoming a Transportation professional begins now, so start actively preparing and exploring your options.

### **Additional Tips for High School Students**

 Take advantage of career counseling services at your high school. Your high school counselors can help you to learn more about different career options, including Transportation industry careers.