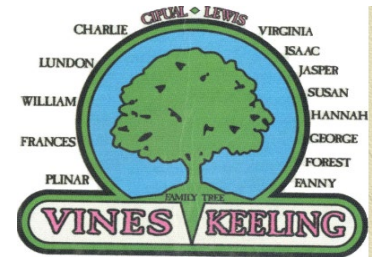


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Monthly Newsletter for H.S. Students – Transportation

What is the Transportation Industry?

At its core, the transportation industry is all about moving people and goods from one place to another. But it's so much more than just cars and trucks! Think about it: every time you order something online, it gets to thanks to transportation. This vast industry includes:

- a) Roads (Cars, buses, trucks, motorcycles – anything that moves on roads);
- b) Rail (Trains that carry passenger (like Amtrak!) and freight (like Southern Pacific RR);
- c) Air (Airplanes and helicopters, essential for quick travel over long distance);
- d) Water (Ships, boats, and ferries moving people and cargo across oceans, and rivers);
- e) 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) Commercial Driver - (\$50,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certification;
- 2) Warehouse Associate - (\$36,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certification;
- 3) Bus Driver - (\$40,000/year) w/HS Diploma + Certification;
- 4) Dispatcher - (\$41,500/year) w/HS Diploma + Certification;
- 5) Heavy Equipment Operator – (\$48,375/year) w/HS Diploma + Certification.

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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 and Robots.

Another approach is an Apprenticeship. Go to the **ApprenticeshipUSA** link for more information[click the blue] ([Homepage | Apprenticeship.gov](#)). 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] ([American Job Center Finder | CareerOneStop](#)). 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.
- Check out the American Job Center (AJC) above....it's a great resource!