

What is ASTA?

ASTA is an organization comprised of Alabama public school bus supervisors, mechanics, office personnel, and state officials. Its purpose is to provide safe, efficient, and cost effective transportation for school children to and from school and to extra-curricular activities. The association has an annual conference which provides its members an opportunity to attend educational as well as hands-on sessions dealing with current school bus transportation topics. The conference is typically held during the second week of June of each year.

ASTA also participates in the national **America's Best Competition** by having its own state competition during the ASTA conference. The winners of the technician and inspection competition are supported and sent to the national competition by the association.

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ASTA also sponsors the **Alabama School Bus Driver Road-E-O**. This competition is held annually one week after the ASTA Conference at the Alabama Traffic Safety Center at the University of Montevallo in Montevallo, Alabama.

ASTA sponsors the **SESPTC "Buster Bynum Scholarship"** and the **"Charles 'Chuck' Poland Scholarship"** each year. Both scholarships are awarded to deserving Alabama High School seniors whose parents/guardians are local school bus transportation employees.