



A Partnership in Safety

September 4, 2026



Need help with benefits, Dayforce, employment verification, or other employee support services? Visit one of our **Employee Resource Centers**

located in Coram [2152 Route 112], Ronkonkoma [1980 Smithtown Avenue], or Bay Shore [2309 Union Blvd.] Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and connect with our resource team for assistance.

Stay Alert, Stay Safe: Preventing Driver Fatigue

Driver fatigue can slow reaction time, affect judgment, and increase the risk of an accident. As professional drivers, it is important to recognize the warning signs, including frequent yawning, heavy eyelids, difficulty focusing, delayed reactions, missed signs or exits, and drifting within your lane.

If you feel too tired to safely operate your vehicle, do not begin or continue driving. Pull over in a safe location and immediately notify Dispatch or your supervisor.

Fatigue prevention begins before your shift. Aim for seven to nine hours of sleep, maintain a consistent sleep schedule, eat balanced meals, stay hydrated, and avoid alcohol or medications that may cause drowsiness before driving. Employees should also report any scheduling concerns that may contribute to fatigue.

At STS and SBC, alert drivers help keep our students, passengers, coworkers, and communities safe. **If you are too tired to drive, you are too tired to arrive. Recognize it. Prevent it. Report it. Safety always comes first.**



Health Insurance Open Enrollment Is Here! This enrollment period is for new enrollees only. If you are interested or just want to learn more, feel free to reach out to benefits@Suffolkbus.com.

Deadline to apply: September 18, 2026
Coverage begins: October 1, 2026



Key Reminders for Transit, Para Transit, School Bus and Adult Department Drivers:

As we begin another school year, a strong focus on safety, preparation, and professionalism helps ensure a successful ride. Here are a few important reminders to keep top of mind:

Be Prepared Before You Leave the Yard

A thorough pre-trip inspection is one of the most important parts of your day. Checking tires, mirrors, fuel levels, safety equipment, that the Child Checkmate system is working properly and understanding your dashboard indicators can help prevent issues before they happen.

Build Positive Passenger Relationships

Setting clear expectations from day one helps create a safe and respectful environment. Consistency, communication, and patience go a long way. Learning students' names and greeting them each day can help build trust and often prevents small issues from becoming bigger concerns. When issues arise, focus on observing, documenting, and reporting concerns immediately to dispatch or to your supervisor.

Know Your Route and Stay on Schedule

Even familiar routes should be reviewed daily. Be aware of any schedule changes, traffic concerns, or weather conditions that could impact your run.

Stay Ready for the Unexpected

Emergencies can happen at any time. Students often take their cue from the driver, so your preparedness and composure make a difference.

CDL Permit Class: Looking for a great opportunity to grow your career or introduce family and friends to Suffolk Transportation Service? **Join us for our FREE CDL Permit Class: September 9th from 10am to 1pm.** Classes are held at our **Safety & Training Center located at 1780 Smithtown Avenue, Ronkonkoma.** Register for class at jfriedman@suffolkbus.com and include your first and last name along with a contact number. STS is offering a **\$1,000 Driver Referral Bounty**. You will receive the bonus **60 days after your referral is assigned a school bus route.**



WELCOME BACK for another safe and successful school year.

