



Little Falls School District
Transportation Pathways, HF2134
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Goal: There is an increased shortage of commercial drivers and commercial pilots. These careers offer an excellent opportunity for students to explore.

Truck drivers can earn a good income. How much does a truck driver make? On average drivers earn \$50,909, while Over The Road (OTR) drivers who haul freight over long distances earn on average nearly \$64,000 per year. Private fleets- those that deliver freight only for one company- often have much higher levels of pay.

According to AOPA:

With more retirements on the horizon, [Boeing's Pilot and Technician Outlook](#) reports a need for 612,000 new pilots, 626,000 new maintenance technicians, and 886,000 new cabin crew members over the next 20 years.

The Top 10 most in demand aviation careers according to JSfirm.com

1. Pilots.
2. A&Ps and A&P/IA's.
3. Avionics technician.
4. Sheet metal technicians.
5. Engineers.
6. Flight instructors.
7. Dispatchers.
8. Line service technicians.
9. Managers.
10. Sales and business professionals.

Creating a Transportation Pathways Career Exploration will give students in Minnesota the opportunity to seek and be certified before leaving High School in these career paths.

By getting a jump start in these careers, students will save time and money as they move into the transportation industries.