

# GET TO KNOW YOUR TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISORS

## Meet Dustin Merchant...

Mr. Merchant is an amazing transportation supervisor. He is organized and proactive, two skills that are vital when managing school transportation. He also has experience as a driver and that experience is extremely helpful when dealing with bus issues and concerns. His calmness and patient demeanor help to keep things running smoothly. He is also very much a team player, assisting with many tasks on the elementary and high school level. We are thankful for Mr. Merchant!

Robin Sanders, Principal  
Pelahatchie Elementary School

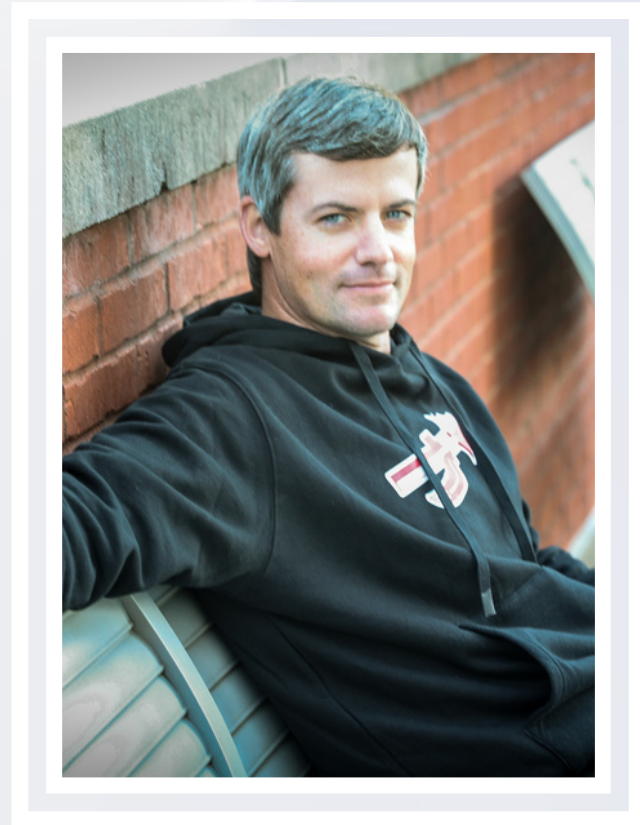
## A Little History...

Mr. Merchant has been with RCSD for 6 years and served as transportation supervisor for the last 2 years. Mr. Merchant supervises 28 drivers and has 11 buses in Pelahatchie's fleet.

## What his drivers are saying...

I met Dustin Merchant in the early summer of 2022. Bo Hust introduced Dustin as our new Transportation Supervisor for Pelahatchie at an informal lunch meeting. At our first meeting, Dustin was very likable and friendly. He had a great attitude and was looking forward to his new position. We all shared stories of previous happenings at Pelahatchie and he shared stories from his previous position as a teacher and bus driver at Florence. As in the case of all new job responsibilities, Dustin was wet behind the ears when it came to learning the ropes of the supervisor job. There were a few bumps at first and we offered advise and previous results of past situations at Pelahatchie. Dustin in his first year as Transportation Supervisor saw some of the problems that come with the job and learned to deal with them and find clear solutions to remedy and or correct them by asking questions and listening to his superiors and to the bus drivers he is responsible for. As a person, Dustin is very likable and friendly and very easy to get along with and has become a good friend. He is dependable and responsive to things of interest we bring up or situations that happen day to day in the operation of transporting students to/from the Pelahatchie school zone. If a problem comes up, he will ask questions and finds a solution or the procedures for the situation. Dustin has come a long way and has done an admirable job of keeping the ship afloat and running smoothly as possible considering all the things that can go perfectly or things that can get really screwed up. I am proud to call Dustin a friend and am pleased with working with him to have a successful year, every year at Pelahatchie as I believe most of our drivers would agree.

Sidney Smith  
Bus Driver  
Pelahatchie Zone



*Dustin Merchant*