

# Close Budget Gaps with Smarter Routing



## Rerouting Success

Across the country, school districts are turning to First Services to help simplify their operations, reduce costs, and deliver safer, more efficient transportation.

Our routing experts' partner with districts to identify opportunities, model solutions, and provide ongoing management that keeps routes optimized year after year.

### Alachua County School District

Facing a \$2 million budget shortfall, Transportation Director Desiree Fisher turned to First Services, a trusted partner from two previous districts, to identify savings through a routing assessment.

- Identified a five-bus reduction opportunity, representing 5% of the fleet.
- Recommended Managed Routing, reducing routing staff from five to two positions.
- Delivered over \$500,000 in annual savings through staffing and route efficiencies.
- Enhanced service quality while accommodating increased ridership demands.

“*First Services gave us the data and confidence to make smart changes without compromising service.*  
– **Desiree Fisher, Transportation Director, Alachua County School District**

### Indianapolis Public Schools

Since partnering with First Services in 2019, Indianapolis Public Schools has transformed its routing operations through data-driven planning and collaboration.

- Reduced routes by 18%, from 305 to 249, improving efficiency and lowering costs.
- Optimized walk zones and bell times to better align routes and schedules.
- Integrated public transit for high school students where feasible.
- Performs annual route optimization to maintain one of the region's most efficient, student-focused systems.

## Rerouting Results for Districts

Districts nationwide are finding new ways to stretch budgets, improve reliability, and strengthen community trust through smarter routing. With expert analysis and ongoing optimization, schools can make informed decisions that save money, reduce routes, and keep transportation running smoothly for every student.