

**Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association**  
in partnership with  
**Kansas Department of Education School Bus Safety Unit**

**2021-22**  
**School Bus Safety Poster Contest**

**1 Bus + 1 Driver = a BIG Impact on Education**

The National School Bus Safety Poster Contest is sponsored each year by the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services and the National School Transportation Association.

The national contest is open only to winners of state/province contests or contests held by overseas US military installations. No other posters will be accepted.

Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association and the Kansas Department of Education, School Bus Safety Unit sponsor the state level contest for Kansas. Please DO NOT mail posters directly to the National Association of Pupil Transportation as they must be judged at the state level first.

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

**STATE CONTEST - WHO MAY ENTER:**

Any student enrolled in a Kansas public, parochial or other private elementary or middle school (plus high school for Divisions 4 and 5 only) may enter. Any Kansas student who is a member of a US military family stationed overseas may also submit artwork to the Kansas School Bus Safety Poster Contest. A poster must win at the state level to be entered into the national contest.

**WHEN CAN POSTERS BE DRAWN:**

Posters can be drawn anytime between August 16, 2021 and March 1, 2022. Posters must be received in Topeka no later than March 15, 2022.

**Categories:**

Division #1 - Grades K-2

Division #2 - Grades 3-5

Division #3 - Grades 6-8

Division #4 - Special Education - Grades K-12

Division #5 - CAD (Computer Aided Drawing)

Division #6 - International entries

\*Division #5 and Division #6 are eligible for competition within those respective divisions but are not eligible to be the overall contest winner at the national level.

## **POSTER THEME:**

# **1 Bus + 1 Driver = a BIG Impact on Education**

- Every poster and slogan must harmonize with the 2021-22 poster contest theme.
- Contestants must illustrate the above theme only. The theme on the poster must be exactly as shown above, to include all punctuation, upper and lowercase lettering.
- If the theme is *not written exactly as shown*, it will be disqualified
- Drawings must be original, correct in safety concept and the exclusive work of the student entering the contest in idea, design and execution. All artwork should be positive in approach, demonstrating only proper school bus safety behaviors
- At least a part of a yellow school bus must be present in the poster

## **CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF AWARD-WINNING POSTERS:**

- Relationship of the poster design to school bus safety practices (safety impact)
- Originality of the poster and how the theme is expressed in the poster design
- Artwork and its execution
- Visual impact of the poster design

## **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded for each division as follows at the State level:

Each first-place division winner will receive a plaque and a check for \$50. Their teacher (as listed on their entry form) will receive a check for \$25 toward the purchase of classroom materials. State winners will be notified by May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be recognized at the School Transportation Safety Conference in June 2022.

Prizes will be awarded for each division as follows at the National level:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Overall Winner: \$500
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners of remaining 3 divisions: \$250
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners of each 4 divisions: \$100
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners of each 4 divisions: \$50
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – CAD division: \$50
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner – International division: \$50

National winners will be notified and sent prizes in May 2022. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place/Overall winning poster will be used to promote the National School Bus Safety Week in 2022. The NSBSW Committee has the right to disqualify any entry that does not comply with all contest requirements.

## **POSTER SPECIFICATIONS:**

- ***IMPORTANT:*** Completed poster size must be 11" X 17" or 12" X 18"
- Posters may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis
- DO NOT roll or fold posters. They must be mailed/delivered flat. DO NOT place name, school, etc. on the front of the poster
- Designs should be submitted on quality tag, poster illustration board or heavy paper. Construction paper may be used by entries must be mounted on quality tag poster. Lamination is not permitted and will disqualify the poster
- Cut paper/stencils (freehand or pre-drawn stencils) are not permitted and will disqualify the poster
- There is no limitation on the use and number of colors
- There is no limitation on the type of media - - such as print, crayon, felt pen, etc. used on the poster design; however, wood, glass or metal should not be part of the poster. Collage materials should not be used. Glued on pieces will eliminate the poster
- Poster designs may not incorporate any copyrighted materials (i.e., comic and/or television characters), including stock artwork, meaning photographs or other images of common places, landmarks, nature, events or people, clip art, meaning anything from an existing collection of pictures or images that can be imported from or into the poster; and non-original raster graphics or vector graphics.

## **LETTERS & DRAWING:**

- The poster design may incorporate freehand drawn letters only
- Cut paper/stencils (freehand or pre-drawn stick-on-stencils) may not be used and will disqualify the poster
- Lettering should be clearly legible, even if used as part of the poster design
- Please refrain from having slogan lettering run off the edge of the paper (Please allow a 1" margin on either side of the slogan/theme for photography of the artwork)

## **SUBMITTING POSTERS FOR STATE JUDGING:**

- DO NOT mail posters to The National Association for Pupil Transportation. Posters must first be submitted for State level judging
- DO NOT roll or fold posters. They must be mailed/delivered flat
- DO NOT place name, school, etc., on the front of the poster. Display information on the back only using the official entry card located on the last page of this document
- Posters may be submitted any time after March 1 and postmarked no later than March 15, 2022
- The official entry form found on the last page of these instructions must be completed in its entirety and fastened to the back of the poster. Please print clearly

**MAIL POSTERS TO:**

Kansas State Department of Education  
Attn: School Bus Safety Unit  
900 SW Jackson, Suite 102  
Topeka, KS 66612-1212

**WINNER NOTIFICATION:**

State and National winners will be notified sometime after May 1 of winning entries

**POSTERS SUBMITTED FOR THE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST  
BECOME THE PROPERTY OF KSPTA/KSDE/NAPT AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

**OTHER:**

KSDE/KSPTA is responsible for submitting the top poster from each division for the national competition.

**OFFICIAL CARD/ENTRY FORM**

The official entry card located on the last page of this document must be fastened to the back of the poster using scotch tape only. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

- DO NOT place this information on the front of the poster
- Display on the back only

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM:**

**DO NOT PLACE THIS FORM ON THE FRONT OF THE POSTER  
DISPLAY ON THE BACK ONLY**

**DO NOT GLUE THIS FORM. TAPE ONLY.**

**2021-22 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Please complete and attach this form to the back of each poster in accordance with poster specifications noted in the contest rules. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Division #: \_\_\_\_\_

USD Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be completed in its entirety and attached to the back of the poster. Entry forms missing information will be disqualified.**