Kansas 30-DAY School Bus Passing Survey
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Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.
Introduction

How often do Kansas drivers ignore the stop signs that swing out when school buses are dropping off or picking up students?

According to Kansas law, the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any stopped school bus from either direction must stop before reaching the bus when the flashing red lights are in operation. The driver can’t proceed until the school bus resumes motion and the flashing red lights and the stop signal arm are no longer active.

The Kansas State Department of Education, upon request by the Kansas Highway Patrol, asked school districts across the state to voluntarily take part in a school bus safety awareness project. The purpose of the project is to raise awareness about illegal passing of school buses.

Fifty-seven of Kansas’ 286 school districts volunteered for the 30-day (school days) project. Data was self-reported by districts from Jan. 23, 2017, through March 3, 2017, and was then collected through Survey Monkey.

Information was collected from seven regions across the state. The regions coincide with the Kansas Highway Patrol troop areas. Information collected included the type of roadway the bus was traveling on (city, county or highway); the time of day (morning, noon or afternoon); direction (front or rear of bus); and side of the bus (left or right).

This study has several limitations. The school districts that participated volunteered to do so and weren’t randomly selected. This means the data isn’t representative of the state’s districts. Even those districts that did participate had different levels of participation. For example, some districts only participated for part of the study while other districts only have four-day school weeks.

Since the data is self-reported, not reported by impartial observers, the data may have hidden biases. For example, if a bus driver thinks more enforcement is needed, he or she may have overreported the number of incidents. Another driver may think the enforcement is too stringent and may have underreported the number of incidents. Also, the survey doesn’t account for the speed or density of traffic. For these reasons, readers should interpret the data presented here with caution. To have data that is appropriate for policymaking, other scientifically designed studies are needed.

At the end of this report are the results of a one-day survey that Kansas participated in for the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services. There were 188 school districts that took part in this stop-arm violation count, which took place April 19, 2017. The one-day survey and the 30-day survey shouldn’t be compared. A five-year overview of the stop-arm violation count also is included.
The Kansas State Department of Education’s School Bus Safety Unit wishes to extend its appreciation to all of the school districts and school bus contractors who took the time to participate in this survey. Without your support, this report wouldn’t be possible. We especially want to recognize school bus drivers for their participation and assistance in collecting the data for this report.

Finally, we want to thank all school bus drivers for their hard work and dedication. Education begins with transportation, and school bus drivers play an integral role in a student’s day. Thank you for serving the students of Kansas.
Darkened areas represent districts participating in the 30-day survey.
State Regions

North-Central
- Republic
- Washington
- Marshall
- Nemaha
- Brown
- Doniphan
- Cloud
- Ottawa
- Pottawatomie
- Riley
- Geary
- Wabaunsee
- Shawnee
- Atchison
- Jefferson
- Douglas
- Franklin
- Miami

Central
- McPherson
- Marion
- Chase
- Lyon
- Coffey
- Anderson
- Linn
- Butler
- Sedgwick
- Sumner
- Cowley
- Greenwood
- Woodson
- Allen
- Bourbon
- Elk
- Wilson
- Neosho
- Crawford
- Chautauqua
- Montgomery
- Labette
- Cherokee

Northeast
- Leavenworth
- Wyandotte

KC Metro
- Johnson
Total Reported Violations: 229
Leavenworth
Johnson
Miami
Wyandotte

Violations: Time of Day
- Noon: 7
- Morning: 115
- Afternoon: 107

Violations: Type of Road and Day
- City: 205
- County: 21
- Highway: 3

Violations: Direction
- Rear: 88
- Front: 141

Violations: Side of Bus
- Right: 1
- Left: 228

Darkened areas represent districts participating in the survey.
North-Central

Total Reported Violations: 298

Chase  Jewell  Morris
Clay  Lincoln  Ottawa
Cloud  Marion  Republic
Dickinson  Marshall  Riley
Ellsworth  McPherson  Saline
Geary  Mitchell  Washington

Violations: Type of Road and Day

Violations: Time of Day

Violations: Direction

Violations: Side of Bus
Total Reported Violations: **671**

- Atchison
- Brown
- Doniphan
- Douglas
- Franklin
- Jackson
- Jefferson
- Nemaha
- Osage
- Pottawatomie
- Shawnee
- Wabaunsee

**Violations: Type of Road and Day**

- **Highway**: 47 (Monday), 14 (Tuesday), 10 (Wednesday), 2 (Thursday), 8 (Friday)
- **City**: 108 (Monday), 98 (Tuesday), 132 (Wednesday), 147 (Thursday), 110 (Friday)

**Violations: Time of Day**

- **Morning**: 298
- **Noon**: 52
- **Afternoon**: 321

**Violations: Direction**

- **Rear**: 74
- **Front**: 597

**Violations: Side of Bus**

- **Right**: 35
- **Left**: 636
Northwest

Total Reported Violations: 92

Cheyenne  Logan  Rooks  Thomas
Decatur   Norton  Russell  Trego
Ellis     Osborne  Sheridan  Wallace
Graham    Phillips  Sherman  Smith
Gove      Rawlins  

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Violations: Type of Road and Day

Violations: Time of Day

Violations: Direction

Violations: Side of Bus
South-Central

Total Reported Violations: 7,692

- Barber
- Barton
- Butler
- Cowley
- Harper
- Harvey
- Kingman
- Pratt
- Reno
- Rice
- Sedgwick*
- Stafford
- Sumner

* Wichita USD 259 total reported violations: 6,888
  (6,866 city violations; 21 county violations; and 1 highway violation)

Violations: Type of Road and Day

- City: 7,619
- County: 43
- Highway: 30

Violations: Time of Day

- Morning: 3,201
- Noon: 425
- Afternoon: 4,066

Violations: Direction

- Front: 5,482
- Rear: 2,210

Violations: Side of Bus

- Left: 7,538
- Right: 154

Darkened areas represent districts participating in the survey.
Southeast

Total Reported Violations: 503

Allen  Anderson  Bourbon  Chautauqua  Cherokee  Coffey  Crawford  Elk  Greenwood  Labette  Linn  Lyon  Montgomery  Neosho  Wilson  Woodson

Violations: Type of Road and Day

Violations: Time of Day

Violations: Direction

Violations: Side of Bus
Southwest

Total Reported Violations: **482**

Clark  | Gray  | Kiowa  | Rush  
Comanche | Greeley  | Lane  | Seward  
Edwards  | Hamilton  | Meade  | Scott  
Finney  | Haskell  | Morton  | Stanton  
Ford  | Hodgeman  | Ness  | Stevens  
Grant  | Kearny  | Pawnee  | Wichita  

Darkened areas represent districts participating in the survey.

Violations: Type of Road and Day

- **63** City Violations: 63, 72, 69, 320
- **27** Highway Violations: 27, 24, 36, 31, 31
- **149** Total Violations: 149

Violations: Time of Day

- **124** Noon Violations: 124
- **146** Morning Violations: 146
- **212** Afternoon Violations: 212

Violations: Direction

- **119** Rear Violations: 119
- **363** Front Violations: 363

Violations: Side of Bus

- **16** Right Violations: 16
- **466** Left Violations: 466

2017 Kansas 30-Day School Bus Passing Survey
Total number of violations reported by 57 districts during the 30-day period: 9,967

Violations: Type of Road and Day

Violations: Time of Day

Violations: Direction

Violations: Side of Bus
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**ONE-DAY Survey Participants**

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**Central USD 462**
- Eureka USD 389
- Fairfield USD 310
- Flinthills USD 492
- Fort Larned USD 495
- Fort Leavenworth USD 207
- Frontenac Public Schools USD 249
- Galena USD 499
- Garden City USD 457
- Gardner-Edgerton USD 231 (First Student)
- Garnett USD 365
- Geary County Schools USD 475
- (JC Transportation, B&B Busing)
- Girard USD 248
- Gessel USD 411
- Golden Plains USD 316
- Goodland USD 352
- Graham County USD 281
- Great Bend USD 428
- Halstead USD 440
- Hamilton USD 390
- Hays USD 489
- Haysville USD 261
- Herington USD 487
- Hesston USD 460
- Hoisington USD 431
- Holcomb USD 363
- Holton USD 336
- Humboldt USD 258
- Independence USD 446 (Durham)
- Iola USD 257
- Jayhawk USD 343
- Jefferson County Schools USD 340
- Jefferson County USD 339
- Jefferson West USD 340
- Kingman-Norwich USD 331
- Kismet-Plains USD 483
- LaCrosse USD 395 (Durham)
- Lakin USD 215
- Leavenworth USD 453
- Lewis USD 502
- Liberal USD 480
- Lincoln USD 298 (DS Bus Lines)
- Little River USD 444
- Macksville USD 351
- Madison-Virgil USD 386
- Maize USD 266
- Marion-Florence USD 408
- Marmaton Valley USD 256
- Marysville USD 364
- Mclouth USD 342
- Minneola USD 219
- Mission Valley USD 330
- Montezuma USD 371
- Morris County USD 417
- Moscow Public Schools USD 209
- Mulvane USD 263
- Nemaha Central USD 115
- Neodesha USD 461
- Ness City USD 303
- Newton USD 373
- Nickerson-South Hutchinson USD 309
- North Ottawa County USD 239
- Northeast USD 246
- Norton Community Schools USD 211
- Olathe Public Schools USD 233 (First Student)
- Onaga-Havensville-Wheaton USD 322
- Osage City USD 420
- Osawatomie USD 367
- Osborne County USD 392
- Oskaloosa Public Schools USD 341
- Oswego USD 504
- Otis-Bison USD 403
- Ottawa USD 290 (DS Bus Lines)
- Pawnee USD 368
- Paradise USD 399
- Peabody-Burns USD 398
- Phillipburg USD 325
- Pike Valley USD 426
- Pleasanton USD 344
- Prairie View USD 362
- Prairie Hills USD 113
- Pretty Prairie USD 311
- Rawlins County USD 105
- Remington-Whitewater USD 206
- Republic County USD 109
- Riley County USD 378
- Riverside USD 114
- Riverton USD 404
- Rock Creek USD 323
- Rock Hills USD 107
- Rolla USD 217
- Rural Vista USD 481
- Salina Head Start USD 305
- Sedgwick Public Schools USD 439
- Silver Lake USD 372
- Skyline Schools USD 438
- Solomon USD 393
- South Brown County USD 430
- South Haven USD 509
- Southeast of Saline USD 306

**Southern Cloud USD 334**
- Southern Lyon County USD 252
- Spearville USD 381
- Spring Hill USD 230 (Apple Bus)
- St. Francis Community Schools USD 297
- St. John-Hudson USD 350
- Sterling USD 376
- Sublette USD 374
- Sylvan Grove USD 299
- Thunder Ridge Schools USD 110
- Tonganoxie USD 464
- Triplains USD 275
- Troy Public Schools USD 429
- Turner-Kansas City USD 202
- Twin Valley USD 240
- Udall USD 463
- Valley Center Public Schools USD 262
- Valley Falls USD 338
- Valley Heights USD 498
- Vermillion USD 380
- Wabaunsee USD 329
- Wacona USD 272
- Washington County Schools USD 108
- Wellsville USD 289
- Weskan USD 242
- West Elk USD 282
- West Franklin USD 287
- Western Plains USD 106
- Wichita USD 259 (First Student)
- Winfield USD 465

* Also participated in the Kansas School Bus Passing 30-Day Survey.*
Kansas’ **ONE-DAY** Survey
for the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, National Stop-Arm Violation Count

April 19, 2017  Total Reported Violations: **691**

*Darkened areas represent districts participating in the survey.*
Kansas’ **ONE-DAY** Survey

**Violations: Type of Road and Day**

- **635 City**
  - 34 County
  - 22 Highway

- **75 KC Metro**
  - 27 North-Central
  - 64 Northeast
  - 11 Southeast
  - 16 Southwest
  - 435 South-Central

- **22 Highway**
  - 2 North-Central
  - 4 Northeast
  - 1 Northwest
  - 4 Southeast
  - 11 South-Central

- **34 County**
  - 2 KC Metro
  - 2 North-Central
  - 8 Southeast
  - 1 Southwest
  - 19 South-Central

**Violations: Time of Day**

- **342 Afternoon**
  - Southwest 3
  - KC Metro 39
  - South-Central 342
  - North-Central 310

- **310 Morning**
  - South-Central 310
  - North-Central 19
  - Northeast 34
  - Northwest 7

- **39 Noon**
  - South-Central 39
  - North-Central 8
  - KC Metro 38
  - Northeast 19

- **1 Northwest**
  - North-Central 1
  - KC Metro 4
  - South-Central 23
  - Northeast 3

- **4 South-Central**
  - KC Metro 8
  - South-Central 20
  - Northeast 9
  - Northwest 7

- **310 Morning**
  - South-Central 207
  - North-Central 34
  - Northeast 43
  - Southwest 20

- **342 Afternoon**
  - South-Central 39
  - North-Central 39
  - Northeast 19
  - Northwest 7

- **39 Noon**
  - South-Central 39
  - North-Central 8
  - Northeast 342
  - South-Central 7

**2017 Kansas 30-Day School Bus Passing Survey**
Five-Year Survey Overview

Kansas’ One-Day Survey for the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services, National Stop-Arm Violation Count

Violations: Type of Road and Day

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Violations: Direction

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Violations: Side of Bus

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Mission
To prepare Kansas students for lifelong success through rigorous, quality academic instruction, career training and character development according to each student’s gifts and talents.

Vision
Kansas leads the world in the success of each student.

Motto
Kansans CAN.

Successful Kansas High School Graduate
A successful Kansas high school graduate has the

- Academic preparation,
- Cognitive preparation,
- Technical skills,
- Employability skills and
- Civic engagement

to be successful in postsecondary education, in the attainment of an industry recognized certification or in the workforce, without the need for remediation.

Outcomes for Measuring Progress
- Social-Emotional growth measured locally
- Kindergarten readiness
- Individual Plan of Study focused on career interest
- High school graduation rates
- Postsecondary completion/attendance