Stop Arm Violation Survey Information & Examples

While school buses remain incredibly safe, we all know that students who ride buses are most vulnerable when they are outside the bus in the “danger zone.” Kansas is assisting the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services (NASDPTS) in coordinating a one day national survey to determine the prevalence of illegal passing of school buses. The State Board of Education has requested all school districts in Kansas participate in this survey.

We are enlisting your assistance in this important project. On April 17, 2019, please have your school bus drivers observe and report all instances of motorists illegally passing their school buses. Please collect this data and enter your district or company’s total violations by following this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QK93MC5 Optional worksheets to assist you are on our website. The following information and examples are to assist you and avoid confusion in completing the one-day stop arm violation survey.

We have made some changes to the survey in an effort to collect some additional data this year. The following questions are on the survey.

1. Select the district you are reporting for from the drop down menu.
2. Enter the name of the individual completing and entering your district/contractor’s information.
3. Select your geographical region of the state.
4. Enter the total number of buses from your district/contractor participating in the survey.
5. Enter the total number of violations you had for the morning, mid-day and afternoon routes.
6. Enter the total number of violations which passed your bus from the front and the rear.
7. Enter the total number of violations which passed your bus on the left and right side of the bus.
8. Enter the total number of violations for the type of roadway
   • Which occurred on a paved roadway with only 2 Lanes of Traffic
   • Which occurred on a paved roadway with only 2 Lanes of Traffic and a shared left turn lane
   • Which occurred on a paved roadway with more than 2 Lanes of Traffic
   • Which occurred on a paved roadway with more than 2 Lanes of Traffic and a shared left turn lane
   • Which occurred on an UNPAVED roadway? (sand, gravel, dirt, etc)
9. Enter the total number of violations which occurred on a State or US highway.

Please participate and fill out a survey even if you do not have any violations. You will need to answer every survey question and enter zeros rather than leaving a field blank. Please make sure your information is accurate. You must see the following screen for a successful submission of your district/contractor data.

The following are examples of illegal passing and roadway types.
1. This is an example of rear violation on the left side of the stopped school bus. The red car passes the bus from the rear on the left side.

Direction of Travel – REAR
Side of Bus - LEFT

2. This is an example of front violation on the left side of the stopped school bus. The blue car passes the bus from the front on the left side.

Direction of Travel – FRONT
Side of Bus - LEFT

3. This is an example of rear violation on the right side of the stopped school bus. The black car passes the bus from the rear on the right side.

Direction of Travel – REAR
Side of Bus - RIGHT

4. When a school bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights, all traffic must stop from both directions.

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Example #6 - Violation Example  
Two – Lane Roadway with Shared Left Turn Lane

6. When a school bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights, all traffic must stop from both directions.

Example 7 - Violation Example  
Four – Lane Roadway with Double Yellow Line

7. When a school bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights, all traffic must stop from both directions.

Example #8 - Violation Example  
Four – Lane Roadway with Median Separation

8. When a School bus stops and activates its stop arm and flashing red lights, all traffic approaching from behind must stop.

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Question # 8 Type of Roadway Examples

Enter the number of Violations which occurred on a paved roadway with only 2 Lanes of Traffic?

These violations would include any city street, county road or highway which is paved (concrete, asphalt, brick etc.), with or without markings and only 2 lanes of traffic.
Enter the number of Violations which occurred on a paved roadway with only 2 Lanes of Traffic and a shared left turn lane?

These violations would include only those violations which occur on a paved (concrete, asphalt, brick etc.) city street, county road or highway with 2 lanes of traffic and a shared left turn lane as pictured to the right.

Enter the number of Violations which occurred on a paved roadway with more than 2 Lanes of Traffic?

These violations would include only those violation(s) which occur on a paved (concrete, asphalt, brick etc.) city street, county road or highway with more than 2 lanes of traffic.

Enter the number of Violations which occurred on a paved roadway with more than 2 Lanes of Traffic and a shared left turn lane?

These violations would include only those violations which occur on a paved (concrete, asphalt, brick etc.) city street, county road or highway with more than 2 lanes of traffic and a shared left turn lane as pictured to the right.

Enter the number of Violations which occurred on an UNPAVED roadway? (sand, gravel, dirt, etc)

These violations would include those violation(s) which occur on any unpaved roadway regardless of the number of lanes.