Two regional safe driver competitions will be held in 2020. The first will be held on April 25 at Shawnee Heights High School, 4201 SE Shawnee Heights Road, Tecumseh, KS. Tecumseh is located just slightly east of Topeka. Competitor and judges check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be a brief orientation, followed by the written test, drive thru, and then the competition will begin. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be provided by Shawnee Heights USD 450 for breakfast and a concession stand for lunch will be made available by the Auburn-Washburn USD 437 Bus Club.

The second safe driver competition will be held on May 2 at Northeast Magnet High School, 5550 N. Lyceé, Bel Aire (Wichita) KS. Registration/competitor check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. There will be a brief orientation, followed by the written test, drive thru and then the competition will begin. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be provided by Shawnee Heights USD 450 for breakfast and a concession stand for lunch will be made available by the Auburn-Washburn USD 437 Bus Club.

We do ask that you pre-register so we are able to accommodate everyone who wants to attend. However, you can show up on the day of and we’ll do our best to take care of you.

Please remember, you may choose which regional competition you compete in, but you may compete in only one.

Who Can Compete & Requirements: The regional competitions are open to any person who is currently employed or has been employed within the past 12 months as a full-time or substitute school bus driver in the state of Kansas. Contestants shall meet all Kansas school bus driver qualifications in accordance with K.A.R. 91-38.6. These qualifications include: possession of a current and valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL), with Passenger (P) and School Bus (S) endorsements; documentation of physical qualification (“DOT” physical); documentation for successful completion and current status of an approved accident prevention course (defensive driving) and an approved first aid/CPR program. Drivers currently residing in a state other than Kansas shall present the appropriate CDL documentation with endorsements within their state of residence.

NOTE: All competitors must present their CDL during the registration/check-in process.

We encourage you to bring a lawn chair and sun screen. You may download the Safety Competition Book and study guide at: http://www.ksde.org or www.kspta.net.

New for 2020 in celebration of our 50th year, a special prize will be given to the contestant with the most points at each regional event. This award will be given at the Association’s awards banquet in June.
School Transportation Safety Conference  
June 2-4, 2020  
Tony’s Pizza Events Center  
Salina, KS

Registration forms are now available on our website. Don’t delay…early bird registration ends on May 1, 2020. Only competing drivers are eligible for the special rate of $100.00. After May 2, all registrations are $165 (including competing drivers).

Vendor Show
Featuring products/services pertaining to the school bus world will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd. This event will be moved to Tony’s Event Center Arena.

Awards Banquet
We’re bringing back Hollywood glam for this event and we encourage you to dress for the event. Our version of the Academy Awards will begin at 6:00 pm with many photo ops available including a stationary limousine where your group can have their photo taken arriving in style! Doors for banquet seating will begin at 6:30 pm.

Ice Cream Social
Join us for an old fashioned ice cream social featuring vanilla ice cream and some of your favorite toppings. This event is being held at Oakdale Park (near Tony’s Event Center) 730 Oakdale Dr., Eric Stein Amphitheater. This event begins at 7:30 pm. A special movie presentation will begin at dusk. There is no charge for this event, but if you want to be included in some special door prize drawings, you will need to pick up a complimentary ticket from the Salina Convention & Visitors Bureau when you arrive for the conference on Tuesday morning.

President’s Reception
Arriving early for the conference? An informal gathering of conference attendees is being held on Monday evening (June 1) from 7-8pm at the Holiday Inn. This will give you additional time to get to know your fellow conference attendees and check-in early for the conference (pick up your conference ID and program).

Conference Hotel
Holiday Inn  
3145 S. 9th Street  
785-404-6767  
$96.00*/night plus tax  
You must ask for the KSPTA Room Block

Room blocks have also been set up at Fairfield Inn & Suites ($109/*night) and Comfort Inn & Suites ($96/*night). Again you must ask for the KSPTA room block to receive these rates.

Room blocks will be released on May 6th and rates will return to normal pricing. *rates offered are state government rates and are subject to change in the event the government rate changes in April.

*96.00 is the current government rate and may be subject to change if the government rate changes.
Featured Speaker
School Transportation Safety Conference

Daniel Sperry is a Juvenile Detective for the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office in Idaho Falls Idaho. Through his 19 year career, he has spent time as a School Resource Officer and as a Patrol Officer in Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado. Dan is currently serving as the Vice President for the Idaho Association of School Resource Officers. He is also a member of the Bonneville County SWAT Team as a Crisis/Hostage Negotiator and former member of the Aquatic Rescue Team. Through his years of service, he has been awarded numerous Lifesaving Medals and a Medal of Valor. Deputy Sperry has also been named Officer/Deputy of the year on numerous occasions and was the 2017 Officer of the year for the National School Resource Officers Association. Dan was also instrumental in the passage of a school bus safety law in Wyoming. He has taught at the Idaho Law Enforcement Academy, and provides training to Law Enforcement Officers, School Districts, the Department of Education, and safety/security training for places of worship.

Dan will be presenting 3 of the breakout workshops and will deliver the final keynote address on Wednesday, June 3 during lunch. His topic on Wednesday will be “Makayla's Story”. Mikayla is Dan's 11 year old daughter who was hit and killed by a motorist that illegally passed her stopped school bus. Dan will be sharing his perspectives on this event, not only as a law enforcement officer, but a dad as well.

Other conference topics scheduled at this time:

◊ Selective Issues in School Bus Transportation Safety
◊ What is the Federally Mandated Drug/Alcohol Clearing House
◊ Selecting the Correct Child Securement System
◊ Transportation's involvement in the IEP
◊ What Teen's Aren't Telling Us
◊ Bullying on the School Bus
◊ What Can & Did Go Wrong with the Iowa Bus Fire
◊ Understanding Suicide
◊ Dealing with Difficult People
◊ School Bus on Lock Down
◊ The Missing Pieces of Your Hiring Process
◊ Downed Power Lines
◊ Transportation Safety Awareness
◊ Preparing for a Successful CDL Exam

Competition Judges Needed

As always, we can’t have a competition without volunteers to serve as judges. If you are interested in judging a regional event or the state competition, please send us an email at kspta1970@gmail.com to let us know which event you are available to help with. We’ll send you specific information once we hear from you.

Please note these are the workshops scheduled at this time. KSPTA cannot control catastrophic events that may impede a presenter's ability to participate. We will do our best to find a suitable replacement if that should occur but time constraints may prevent that from happening.
School Bus Safety Conference
June 2-4, 2020

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION
(PLEASE PRINT)
COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

Name_________________________ Position_________________________
Mailing Address_________________________ City____________________ Zip________
District/Firm_________________________ USD #____________________
E-Mail Address_________________________ Phone____________________

First Time Conference Attendee? (Y/N) _____ I would like to help as a competition judge (Y/N) _____

Conference registration fees include:
  2020 membership dues and membership pin
  All conference workshops, lunch and ice cream social on Tuesday, June 2
  All conference workshops, breakfast, lunch and vendor fair on Wednesday, June 3
  All competition activities, breakfast, lunch and awards banquet on Thursday, June 4

Competing Driver Registration Fee (must be received on or before May 1, 2020) $100.00*
(you must be driving in the competition to qualify for this rate)

Early Bird Registration Fee (if received on or before May 1, 2020) $115.00*
Conference Registration Fee (if received between May 2 – May 15, 2020) $165.00*
Late Conference Registration Fee (if received after May 15, 2020) $265.00*

Please Read: Anyone attending any conference events/competition must submit a conference registration fee, including spouses/companions. By submitting this registration you are committing to attend the 2020 conference and financially committing to pay the total registration. In addition, all school bus safety competition drivers must complete the competition information form located on the reverse side. Conference ID badges must be worn at all times during the conference.

*CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. There will be a $25 returned check fee. Walk-in attendees on day of conference attendee fees will be CASH ONLY at the late registration rate.

For meal headcount purposes – please check the days you WILL BE ATTENDING:
Tuesday 6/2 _____  Wednesday 6/3 _____  Thursday 6/4 _____ Thursday evening banquet 6/4 _____

Extra banquet only tickets must be purchased in advance at the cost of $30 each. Banquet tickets WILL NOT be available for purchase at the conference. I would like to purchase _____ additional banquet tickets.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AT THIS TIME  $___________

Check Enclosed _____ or PO # _______________ (registration will not be accepted without check or PO #)

Submit Registration & Payment to:
KSPTA / Diane McCartney
5010 Elk Road, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Conference Location Information:
Tony’s Pizza Event Center
800 The Midway, Salina, KS 67401

KSPTA shall not be held responsible for accidents/injuries or lost, stolen, missing or damaged property.
The Holiday Inn at Salina has been selected as our “official” conference hotel for the 2020 School Bus Safety Conference. Located just off I-135 on the south side of Salina, the Holiday Inn is just 5 miles from Tony’s Event Center. Exact address is 3145 S. 9th St. (785-404-6767). It offers patio seating areas comfortable enough for groups to socialize in addition to a fabulous restaurant “Burger Theory”. Breakfast is not included, however, full breakfast is included in your conference registration fees on Wednesday and Thursday. Continental breakfast only will be served on Tuesday during conference check-in.

It is NOT required that you use the Holiday Inn for your hotel accommodations. You are welcome to research some of the many other hotels in the Salina area and make another selection based on your school district’s training budget. Additional room blocks have been established at the Fairfield Inn (2455 Virginia Ave, 785-515-5333) and the Comfort Inn and Suites (1949 S. 9th, 785-502-8007). Remember, when making reservations at any of these hotels, you MUST ask for the KSPTA room block in order to secure these rates.

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 6TH. After that day, the blocks will be released and rates will return to “normal” seasonal prices. Arrangements have been made for each individual to pay for their room, tax, and incidental charges. If your school district has tax exempt status, proper documentation must be provided at time of reservation. Rooms can be guaranteed for late arrival to an individual’s credit card or by advance deposit. A guaranteed room reservation assures a room for your attendees regardless of their arrival time. Any guaranteed reservations not canceled 24 hours before arrival date will be billed to the credit card or against the advance deposit.

The Holiday Inn, Comfort Inn and Fairfield Inn are all smoke free facilities. This includes sleeping rooms, function rooms, bar area, hallways, restrooms and anywhere inside the hotel.

50th Anniversary Commemorative T-Shirts

We will be offering for sale at the summer conference t-shirts featuring our 50th anniversary logo. At the time this newsletter is being prepared, we are still getting price quotes so we can keep the cost as low as possible. We will offer a “pre-order” through our Facebook page once we get all the details finalized. We encourage you to pre-order to ensure your size is available. If you order a shirt, we will expect you to pick it up and pay for it at the conference. If there are shirts left over or not picked up, we will make them available to purchase after the conference with an additional shipping fee added to the total cost of the shirt.

Please be prepared to pay cash for any shirts you order/purchase. We are also hoping to have other items available featuring this commemorative logo, however cost and minimum quantity may prevent us from doing so. Be sure to “Like” and “Follow” our Facebook page for more information as it becomes available.
2020 School Bus Safety Poster Contest  
Theme: Can’t Touch This—The Danger Zone!

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 submit artwork to the Kansas School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

How Many Posters May Each School Submit:  
A school may submit a maximum of five posters per classroom

Poster specifications:  
Completed poster size must be 11” X 17” or 12” X 18”  
Posters may be illustrated on the vertical or horizontal axis  
The official entry form must be securely fastened to the back of the poster. Please print clearly
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 board or heavy paper
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 place, 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 characters (i.e., comic and/or television characters), photographs, and magazine or newspaper illustrations.
More information including the official entry form may be found on our website (www.kspta.net) under the “upcoming events” tab.

Poster Theme: Can’t Touch This—The Danger Zone!
Every poster and slogan must harmonize with the 2020 poster contest theme.

Contestants must illustrate the above theme only and the theme must be written exactly as shown above on the poster. This includes ALL punctuation, including the exclamation mark
If the theme Can’t Touch This—The Danger Zone! is not written exactly as show, 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

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE (www.kspta.net) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF CONTEST RULES.
Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association
District Competition @ Tecumseh
2020 School Bus Safety Competition Entry Form
Saturday, April 25, 2020
Shawnee Heights High School
4201 SE Shawnee Heights Rd, Tecumseh, KS

To Be Completed by Competitor:

Competitor Name

Employer:

School Address:

City: ________________________ State: __________ Zip Code: ______________
Contact Number: ______________________ Fax Number: ____________________

I will be competing as: Please check one: _____ Rookie  _____ Experienced
I will be competing in: Please check one: _____ Conventional _____ Transit _____ Mini bus

Signature: ______________________ Date: ____________________

Buses will be provided
USD 437 Bus Club will provide a concession stand

Send forms to:
Tanya Sturgeon
217 SE Birch
Topeka, KS  66609

or
via E-mail:  tanyaknapp@ymail.com

If possible, we would like to know if you are coming no later than April 11. Forms may be turned in during registration on day of event.

To be completed by KSPTA

Date entry form Received: ________________ Assigned Number: ________________
2020 Distinguished Service Award - Call for Nominations

Members of the KSPTA Awards Committee are seeking assistance to find Kansas school transportation personnel who are deserving of special recognition for their years of service in providing safe transportation of students.

**Qualifications:**

Must be a school transportation employee employed with a school district or contractor in the State of Kansas.

Has met all requirements of a school transportation employee (current Driver Improvement certification, First-Aid/CPR, current physical, random drug/alcohol participant, safety meetings).

(Please Print)

Name of Nominee:

USD # or Contractor Name:

Nominee’s Position:       Years of Service:

Name/Position of Person Submitting Nomination:

Reason the nominee qualifies for special recognition:

Feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if necessary but nomination must include all of the above information. Attach newspaper clippings, other articles or photos if available. The Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association must receive all nominations no later than April 15, 2020. All nominations should be sent electronically to kspta1970@gmail.com. Nominations forms may also be found on our website at www.kspta.net

---

**Upcoming Events**

**April**

1     Mechanics Workshop @ Salina
8     CDL Skills Testing Workshop @ Salina
11    Pre-Registration Deadline for Topeka Regional Safe Driver Competition
15    School Bus Illegal Passing Survey Day
25    Regional Safe Driver Competition @ Topeka
28    Wheelchair Securement Workshop @ Garden City
29    Wheelchair Securement Workshop @ Hays
30    Wheelchair Securement Workshop @ Salina

**May**

2     Regional Safe Driver Competition @ Wichita

**June**

2-4   School Transportation Safety Conference
22-25 Train the School Bus Trainer Workshop

More information on these events may be found on our website (www.kspta.net) or on the School Bus Safety website (www.ksde.org). You may also find us on Facebook by searching Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association. Be sure to “Like” and “Follow” our page to receive information as its released.
Kansas State Pupil Transportation Association
District Competition @ Wichita
2020 School Bus Safety Competition Entry Form
Saturday, May 2, 2020
Northeast Magnet High School
5550 N. Lycee, Bel Aire, KS

To Be Completed by Competitor:

Competitor Name______________________________

Employer:____________________________________

School Address:_________________________________

City: __________________ State: _______ Zip Code: ________

Contact Number: __________________ Fax Number: ______________

I will be competing as: Please check one: _____ Rookie _____ Experienced

I will be competing in: Please check one: _____ Conventional _____ Transit _____ Mini bus

Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________

Buses will be provided

Send forms to:

John Ferguson
First Student
3610 W. 29th S
Wichita, KS  67217

or

via E-mail: John.Ferguson@firstroup.com

If possible, we would like to know if you are coming no later than April 25. Forms may be turned in during registration on day of event.

To be completed by KSPTA

Date entry form Received: _________________ Assigned Number: _______________
Master’s Transportation is proud to offer new Collins School Buses

We have a large selection of high quality used school buses in stock and ready to deliver. We also stock new 40-52 passenger coaches.

www.MastersTransportation.com  800.783.3613

New and used bus sales • Financing and leasing options available

We are the direct dealer for

We also partner with

In the factory. On the road. For the distance. Every mile matters.

Parts, Sales, & Service • (800) 252-2083
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
LEASE RETURNS

With our school bus lease returns, you get a top-quality model for a lower price. This is a great option for all schools and organizations and helps you stay within your budget.

CONTACT DOUG MESSER AT
(800) 933-2412 x1494
doug.messer@midwesttransit.com

KANSAS TRUCK
PREMIERE BLUEBIRD BUS DEALER. ASE & CUMMINS-CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS. FULL-SERVICE PARTS COUNTER.

SALES. PARTS. SERVICE.

School Bus

Activity Bus

1521 S. Tyler - Wichita, KS 67209 - (800) 365-0217 - KansasTruck.net